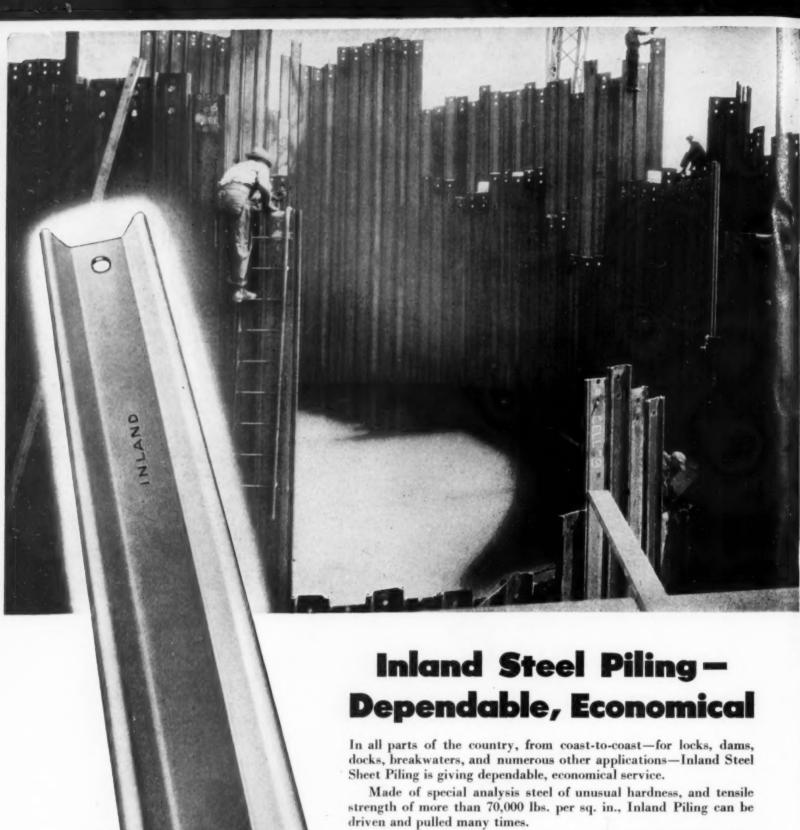
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#### BUILDINGS -

Public-Housing contract at Baltimore, Md., was awarded to Ross Engineering Co., of Washington, D. C., for \$3,350,000. Louis A. Merlo, of Windsor, Ont., will build 500 permanent houses for \$2,750,000. Ore blast furnace and chemical plant at Rusk, Tex., will be constructed by F. H. McGraw & Co., of New York, N. Y., for \$2,500,000. Army contract for buildings, utilities and roads at Alameda, Calif., went to Stolte Inc., and Duncanson-Harrelson of Oakland, for \$2,450,305. John A. Johnson & Sons, of Brooklyn, New York, submitted low bid of \$2,335,916 for Army postoffice superstructure at Long Island City. Low bid of \$1,197,000 was submitted by W. E. Wood Co., of Detroit, Mich., for 475-unit temporary dwellings at Royal Oak. Ford J. Twaits Co., of San Francisco, Calif., has \$1,025,000 Army contract for postal concentration center at Oakland. Jos. Weinstein, Inc., of Brooklyn, N. Y., submitted low bid of \$993,333 for infirmary buildings at Coatesville, Pa. Wigton Abbott Corp., of Plainfield, N. J., will build structural steel frame manufacturing plant additions at Punxsutawney, Pa., for an estimated \$900,000. Contract for hospital buildings at Fort Custer, Mich., was awarded to Patrick Warren Construction Co., of Chicago, Ill., for \$848,000.

#### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

Contract for removing 2,000,000 tons of rock from open pit mines near Sudbury, Ont., was awarded to Don Construction, Ltd., of Toronto, for \$3,000,000. Natural gas pipeline in Pennsylvania and West Virginia will be built for an estimated \$2,700,000 with various sections handled by Monongahela & Ohio Dredging Co., of Pittsburgh; B. & M. Construction Co., of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Pipe Line Construction Co., of Harrisburg. Army contract for \$2,-600,000 climatic hangar and test room at Eglin Field, Fla., went to J. A. Jones Construction Co., of Panama City. Navy contract for \$2,341,340 railroad line in state of Washington was awarded to Sound Construction & Engineering Co. and Peter Kiewit Sons, of Seattle. Airport at Dubuque, Ia., will be built by McVaugh-Haynes Co., of Peoria, Ill., for \$1,581,806. J. A. Casson & N. M. Ball Sons, of Hayward, Calif., will widen runways at Fairfield Suisun Air Base for \$1,192,963. Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co., of Seattle, Wash., has \$1,000,000 Navy contract for dredging Puget Sound area. Airport contract at Quincy, Ill., was awarded to Cheney-Wright, of Williamston for about \$1,000,000. T. G. Meyer, of San Francisco, has \$999,033 Army contract for parking apron at Hamilton Field, Calif. E. B. McGurk, Inc., of Hartford, Conn., was awarded \$500,000-\$1,000,000 contract for airport development at East Hartford. Peter Kiewit Sons Co., of Denver, Colo., submitted low bids of \$458,340 and \$597,216 for paving two 5,000-ft. runways at Sheridan, Wyo., dirport.

Among recent highway contract awards are the following: Florida: \$423,-454 to L. J. & W. L. Cobb. Inc., of Tampa. Indiana: \$294,623 to Grace Construction & Supply Co., of Fort Wayne; \$265,137 to Rieth-Riley Construction Co., of Goshen; and \$197,177 to McCalman Construction Co., of Danville, Ill. Missouri: \$323,583 to M. E. Gillioz Construction Co., of Monett, and L. V. Hites, of Kansas City; and \$170,882 to Koss Construction Co., of Des Moines, la. North Dakota: \$248,616 and \$164,393 to Inland Construction Co., of Omaha, Neb. Oregon: \$376,678 to P. W. Yett. of Portland. Pennsylvania: \$200,609 to Standard Construction Co., of Waynesburg; \$216,889 to Walker Bros., of Chambersburg; and \$221,545 to Cornish & Dickerson Coal Co., of Uniontown. Tennessee: \$600,978 to Foster & Creighton Co., of Nashville; \$455,660 to Chandler Bros. of Virgilina, Va.; and \$419,271 to Harrison Construction Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa. Texas: \$334,668 to Austin Road Co., of Dallas; and \$212,-000 to Texas Bitulithic Co., of Dallas. Utah: \$489,000 to Gibbons & Reed, of Salt Lake City. Wisconsin: \$228,810 to Kramp Construction Co., of Milwaukee. Quebec: \$220,000 to Page Equipment & Construction Co., Ltd., of Three Rivers.

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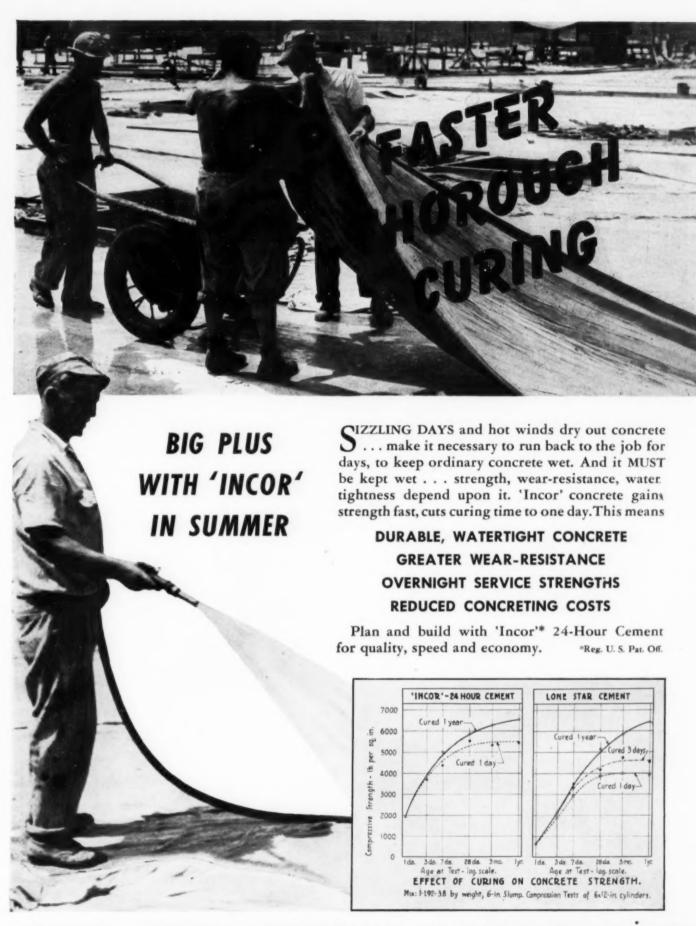


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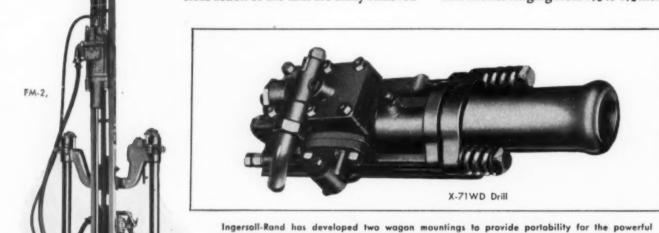


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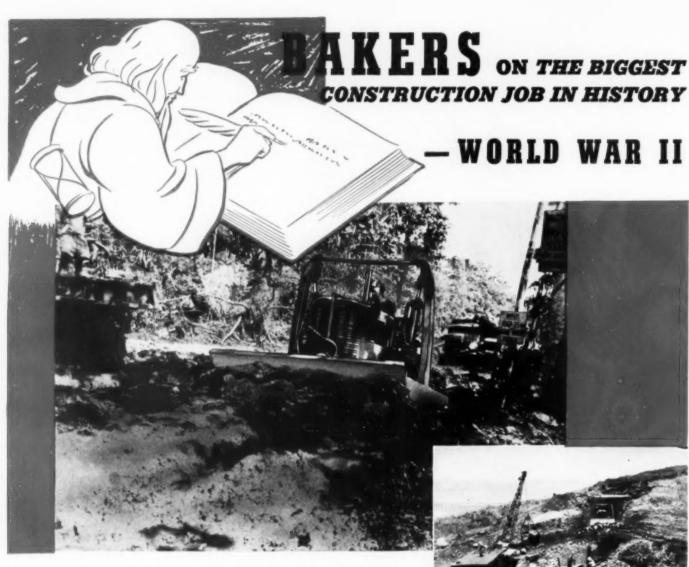
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C-86	D-8	15.3	2.5		175	130	109	98	74	58	51	46	
C-104	D-8	25	3.5			172	148	123	100	88	70	55	45
CW-10	DW-10**	8.75	2.5			125	102	92	88	81	73	64	54

\*Based on a one-way haul on level grade with good dirt and well maintained hauling roads. (54 minute hour used to allow for unpredictable losses). Above figures will change considerably depending on the type and condition of the material you are loading. They also will vary with the condition and grade of the hauling road. Proper maintenance of hauling roads increases production, decreases maintenance on equipment and gets the job done quicker.

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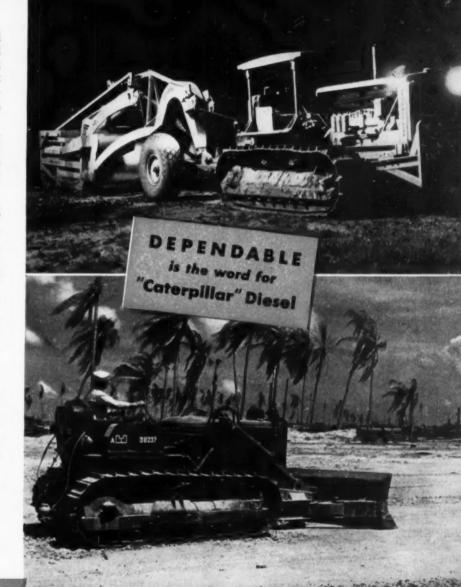
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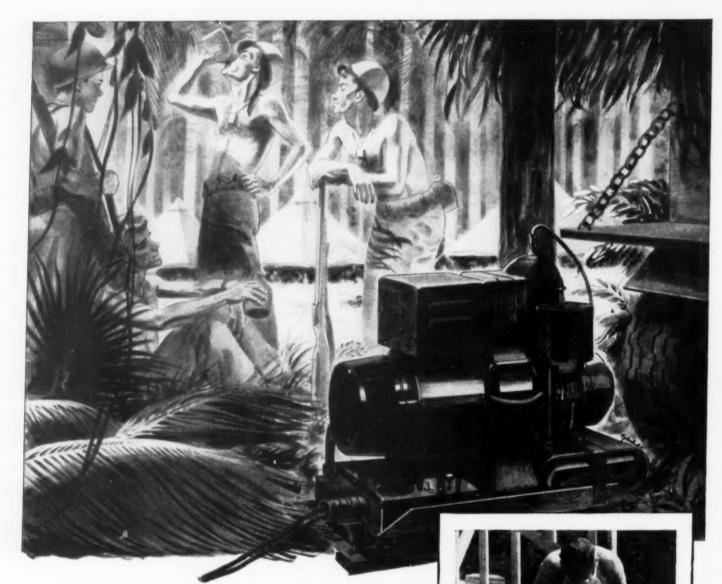
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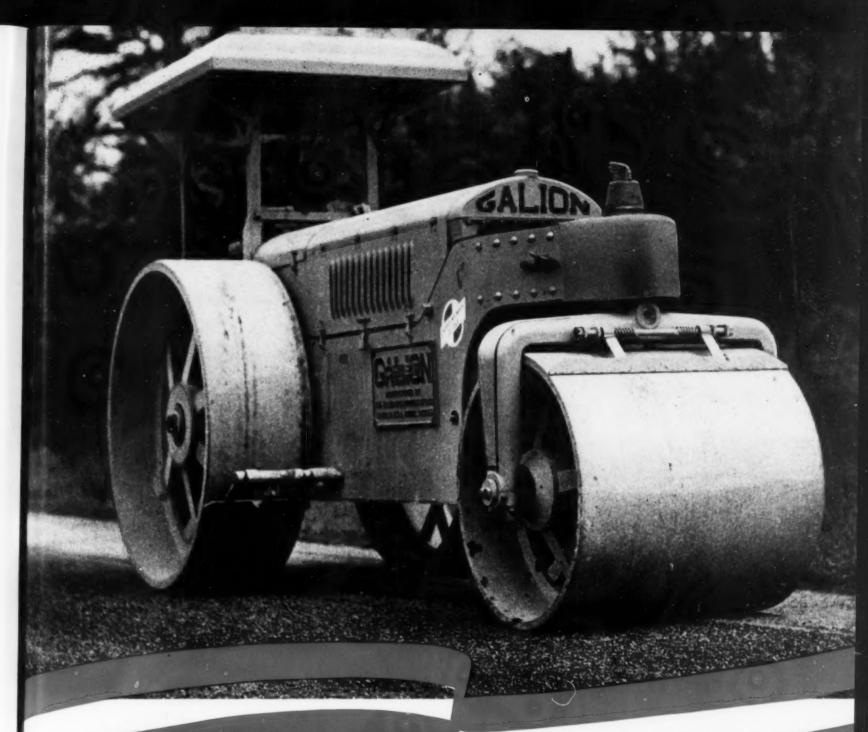
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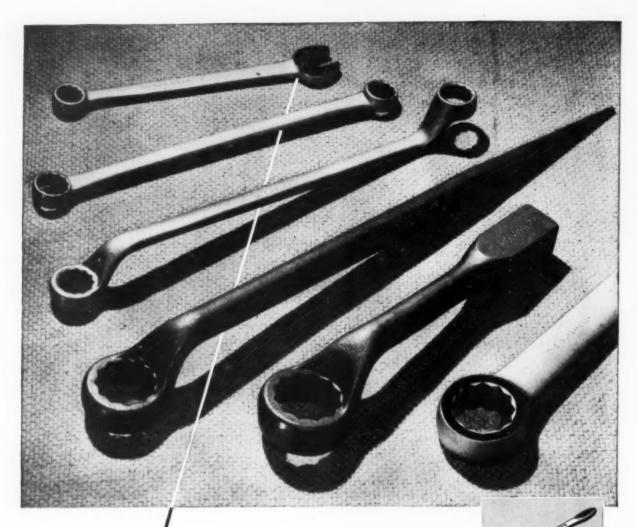
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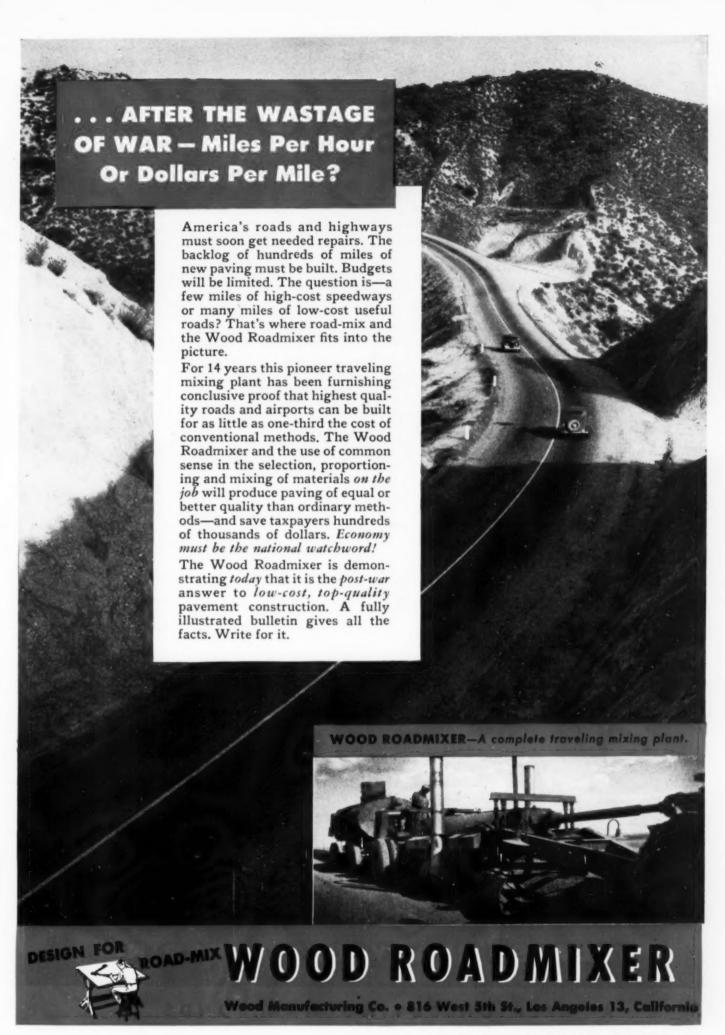
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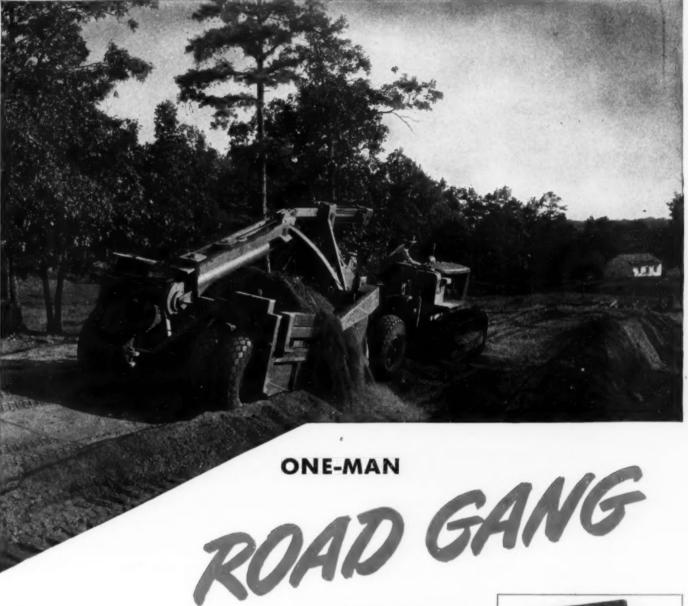
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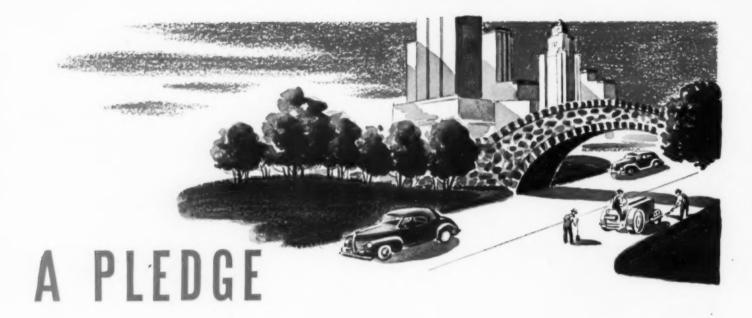


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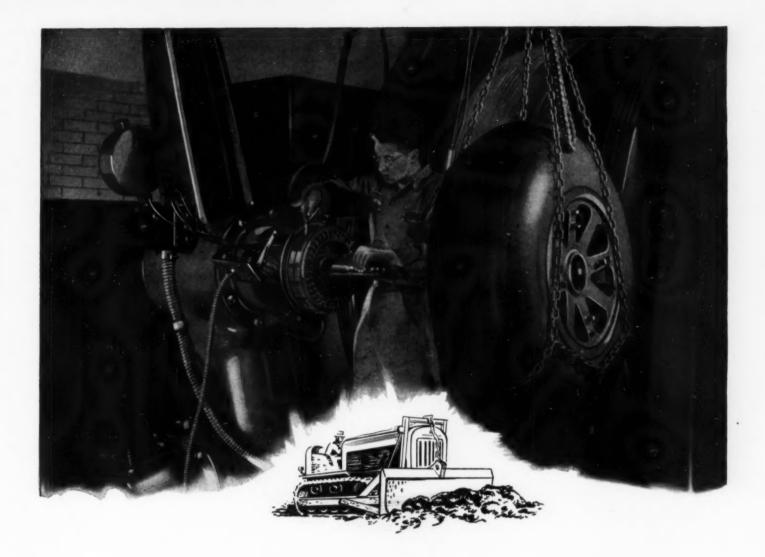
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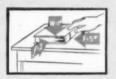


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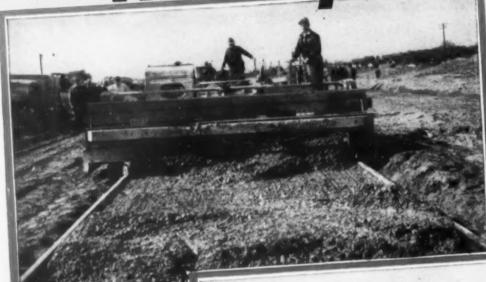
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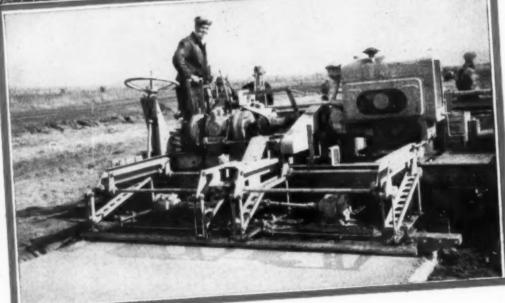
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## This up-to-date Dry, harsh, concrete paving handled by Blaw mix being handled by Blaw and the property of the paring handled by Blaw and the paring handle



Dry, harsh, concrete paving mix being handled by Blaw-Knox Transverse-Blade Automatic Type Concrete Paving Spreader equipped with vibratory attachment. Concrete tested 1/2 to 3/4 inch slump. Contractor's production in spite of difficult concrete was in excess of 400 lineal ft. of 12 ft. wide slab 9" thick per hour. Spreader-Vibrator is one man operated. Vibration increased strength of concrete by 25 per cent.

View behind Blaw-Knox Spreader-Vibrator shown in upper photograph. Concrete has been spread to required elevation and simultaneously compacted by vibratory attachment. Note uniformly smooth surface behind vibrator. Blaw-Knox Finishing Machine worked closely behind Spreader-Vibrator and kept pace easily. Cores drilled from completed pavement showed no honeycomb at bottom of slab or at joints and no excess mortar at surface of pavement.





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DIRECTION OF TRAVEL BLAW-KNOX SPREADER-VIBRATOR SUBGRADE

- Automatic Transverse Spreading Blade spreads concrete transversely and at the same time pushes excess concrete ahead of machine; adjustable for spreading height.
- Finishing Machine front screed strikes off excess of concrete to exact grade and crown. Finisher has easy and rapid operation; follows close behind Spreader-Vibrator.
- Strike-off shapes concrete to required height and crown allowing slight excess for compaction by vibrator; strike-off is hydraulically adjustable for elevation.
- 5 Rear screed of Finishing Machine performs final finishing and smoothing operation.
- Vibratory attachment compacts concrete simultaneously with spreading operation; vibrator is spring suspended and does not rest on side forms. All vibratory effect is transmitted directly to the concrete. Vibrator is controlled by spreader operator and leaves slight excess of concrete for finishing machine.

The method of paving construction illustrated has been proved on hundreds of miles of concrete paving construction for roads and airports.

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The Spreader-Vibrator spreads the concrete to the required depth and at the same time compacts the concrete by vibration. The Finishing Machine follows close on the heels of the Spreader-Vibrator and does a quick and easy surfacing job. The Blaw-Knox Spreader-Vibrator teamed with the Blaw-Knox Finishing Machine handles the output of two 34-E dual drum paving mixers.

Difficult concrete is easily handled on a production basis by this up-to-date paving method and the contractor gains - in greater yardage, lower construction cost, minimum of manual operations and higher quality paving.

The Blaw-Knox Finishing Machine can also be equipped with a vibratory attachment. However, experience has shown that the paving vibrator mounted on the spreader provides better compaction, more practical operating procedure, and maximum production of paving slab. The Spreader-Vibrator always remains with the paving mixer and does not have to move back to aid in correction of high or low

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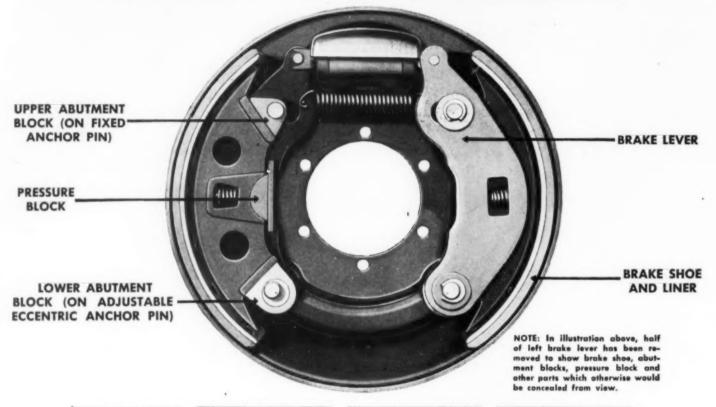
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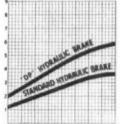
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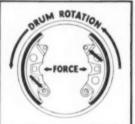
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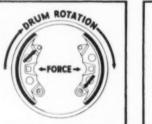




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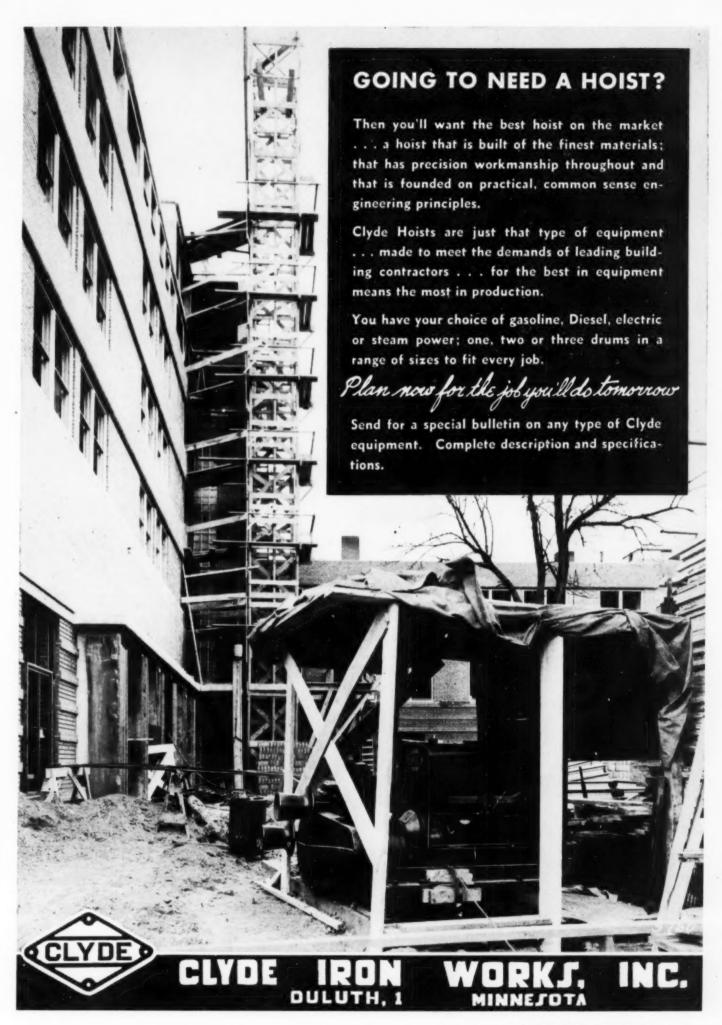
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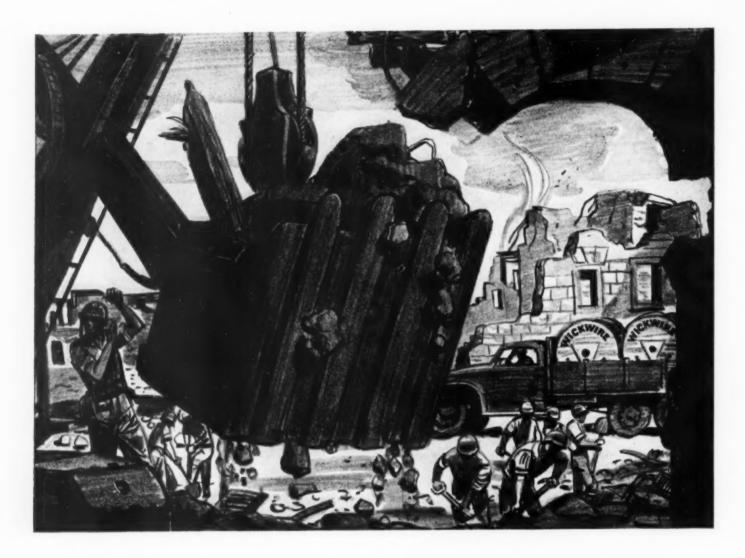
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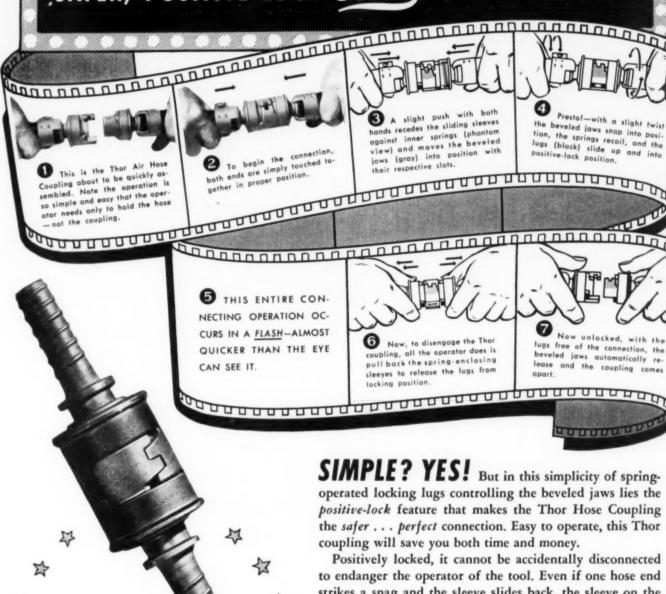
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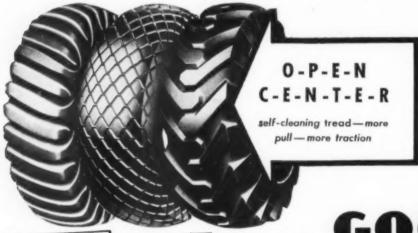


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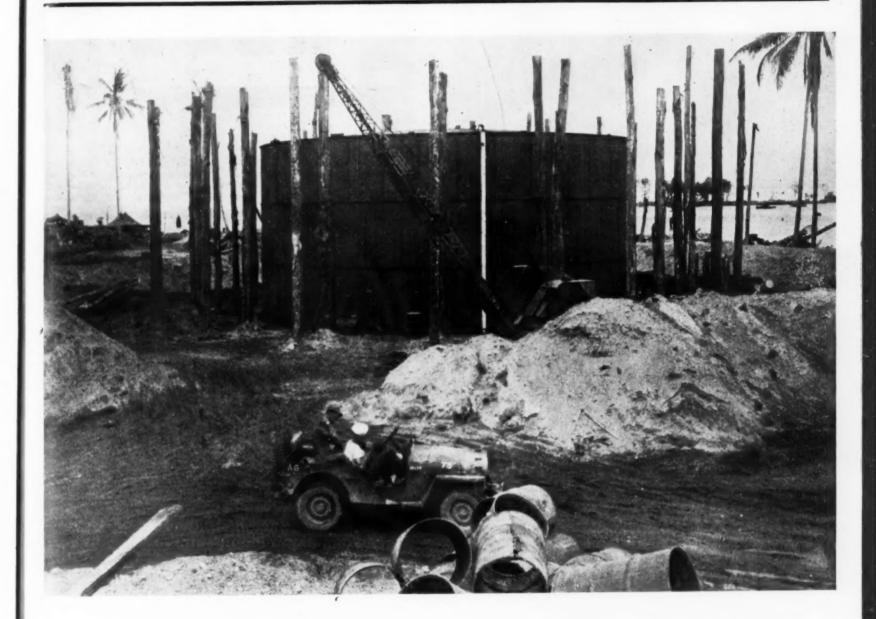
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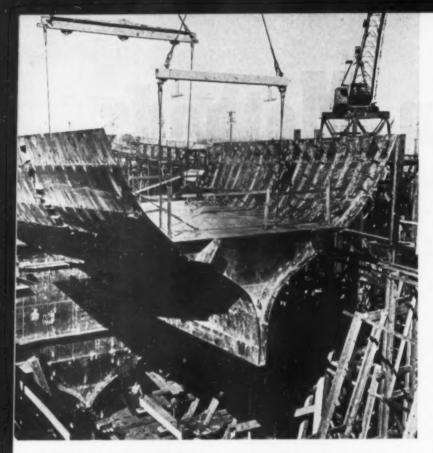
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Oil Tanks

IN PACIFIC

IN THE METHODS adopted to protect 10,-000-bbl. steel oil tanks against damage by Jap bombing in a Pacific war theater, the Navy's Seabees have again demonstrated their claim to the title of master improvisers under conditions of scarcity or entire lack of adequate equipment and materials. As illustrated in the accompanying photograph, obtained by Nathan A. Bowers, Pacific Coast editor of Construction Methods, who recently returned from a 28,000-mi. trip to South Pacific battlefronts as war correspondent accredited by the Navy Department, several concentric rings of cocoanut log piles,

with poles in successive rings staggered, are driven to encircle the tank and extend well above its top. Over each pile is slipped a series of metal gasoline drums, with their ends knocked out (as seen in the foreground of the picture) to form a circular sheathing around each pile. The annular space between each wood pile and its improvised metal casing of gasoline drums is then filled up to the top with sand and gravel, forming an effective barrier—except in the case of a direct hit—against penetration of the steel plates of the oil tank by fragments of bombs exploding near the tank.



SECTION OF HULL ASSEMBLY is swung into place on escort vessel under construction at Wilmington, Calif., yards of Consolidated Steel Corp.

U. S. Maritime Commission Photo

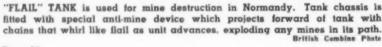
# THIS MONTH'S NEWS REEL

DENTED BY ENEMY SHRAPNEL is bulldozer blade of this D-8 Caterpillar tractor (below) which performed 1,000 hr. of continuous service, without repairs, for Navy's Seabees at Bougainville, Solomon Islands. In operator's seat in this view is Sergeant, first class, S. J. CHELLING, of Joliet, Ill. Battlescarred machine is evidence that in this war construction equipment is fighting equipment.

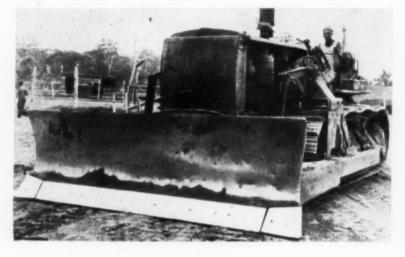


fitted with special anti-mine device which projects forward of tank with chains that whirl like flail as unit advances, exploding any mines in its path.

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GERMAN COASTAL DEFENSES (below) are pushed into sea by bulldozer as Allies clear up French fish-British Combine Photo



BAILEY BRIDGE (below) is erected by Royal Engineers in Italy. New British invention, this pre-labricated bridge has greatly facilitated Allied ad-vance in Italy and Normandy. British Combine Photo





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FIRST WATER flows into Madera Canal from Millerton Lake en route to irrigate land in Madera County, Calif. Nearly 3,000 persons attended opening ceremonies at Friant Dam, at which CHARLES E. CAREY (right), regional director, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, discussed benefits of huge Central Valley project.



STRONG INTERSERVICE BOND has developed in Pacific war theaters between Navy's Construction Battalions (Seabees) and U. S. Marine Corps. Evidence of mutual esteem is supplied by this road sign dedicating "Marine Drive," highway newly built by Seabees, to "our very good friends, the Fighting Marines."



DAMAGED RAILS are removed from railway tracks near Cassino, as South African military engineers clear road through devastated Italian town. British Combine Photo

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NIGERIAN NATIVES (below) swinging picks in rhythm. build U.S. Army Air Forces base in Africa for Air Transport Command.







# Palm Leaf Panels "Prefabricated" by Seabees to Roof Barracks In Pacific War Theaters

By NATHAN A. BOWERS

Pacific Coast Editor, Construction Methods

MAXIMUM USE OF LOCAL MATERIALS to save demands on shipping space in cargo carriers from the United States is a prime requisite of most of the construction done by the Navy's Seabees in Pacific theaters of war. Usually one of the first jobs demanded on reaching a new base on some recently occupied island—after construction for battle purposes has been attended to—is to provide troop shelter. The accompanying photographs illustrate typical construction of living quarters for officers and men. These are wood frame structures, elevated a few feet above ground on bearing posts of cocoanut logs as a protection against torrential rains and mold from damp soil. They are thoroughly screened against mosquitos and other insect pests, and are thatched on roof and sides with "prefabricated" panels of the long, tough, water-resistant leaves of the ivory palm.

A common size of building serving as enlisted men's quarters is 20x80 ft. in plan; officers' quarters are of the same general type, but their length is only about one-half that of the men's



AS WAR CORRESPONDENT accredited by the Navy Department, NATHAN A. BOWERS, Pacific Coast Editor of "Construction Methods," obtained the photographs and notes on which the accompanying article is based. He is here shown in ruins of captured reinforced concrete Jap fortification in Pacific war theater. Dr. Bowers returned to United States recently from 28,000-ml. trip to various fighting fronts in Pacific.



COVERING OF ROOF AND SIDES of officers' quarters is of panels of palm leaves, applied like shingles. Screened ventilating opening extends as band around building under long overhang of eaves.



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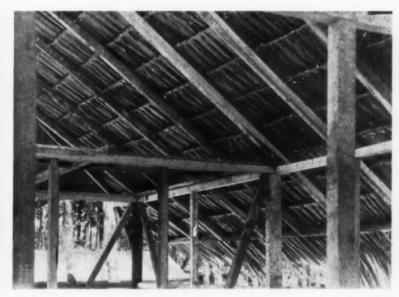
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GREEN LEAVES OF IVORY PALM are folded over rods to form panels for thatching roofs of barracks. Here, section of steel pierced plank, designed for resurfacing airfield, is being used as fabricating table. In background is pile of completed thatching panels.

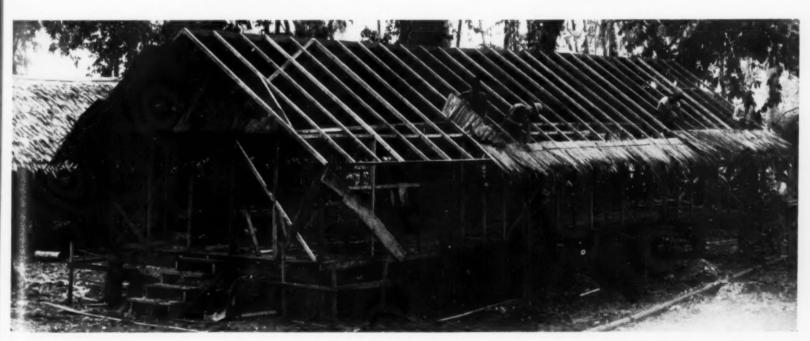
PALM LEAVES of roofing panels are stitched together with long, thin wood slivers.





ROOF IS "SHINGLED" with overlapping bands of palm leaf panels. Rods over which leaves are folded, like drapery on curtain pole, are attached to rafters by bending spikes over them.

UNDERSIDE OF ROOF shows how paim leaf panels are overlapped, like shingles, to insure watertight covering.



ON RAFTERS OF SLOPING ROOF first band of palm leaf panels is applied along eaves. Succeeding panels will overlap, like shingles.



TYPICAL QUARTERS for men of military forces in Pacific areas are wood-frame barracks roofed and sheathed on sides with leaves of ivory palm, plentiful in some localities.



WOOD FRAMES, made of lumber obtained locally and processed by sawmills set up in field, are being erected for men's barracks, generally measuring 20x80 ft. in plan.



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FRAMING DETAIL shows long overhang of ratters to shed water and form "eyebrow" shielding horizontal band of screened ventilation openings.

quarters. The framing is of the simplest type, comprising a gable or pitched roof with lower ends of rafters overhanging the walls more than the usual distance to shed water and form a canopy or "eyebrow" over the band of screened openings running continuously around the walls under the eaves. Side and end walls are formed by wood studs extending up from floor girders to top plates. The problem of lumber is always a critical one and in the absence of adequate supplies from the United States or elsewhere local hardwood-frequently teakwood, rosewood or mahogany-is processed at improvised sawmills for use as building material. In cutting wood of the exceptional hardness characteristic of the types available from local sources it is frequently necessary to play a stream of water on the circular saw blade to cool it.

By far the most unusual feature of the (Continued on page 142)

OFFICERS' QUARTERS (left) are smaller than enlisted men's barracks, but involve same type of wood frame construction. Note bearing posts of cocoanut logs to elevate floor above rain-soaked ground.

## Seagoing Barges

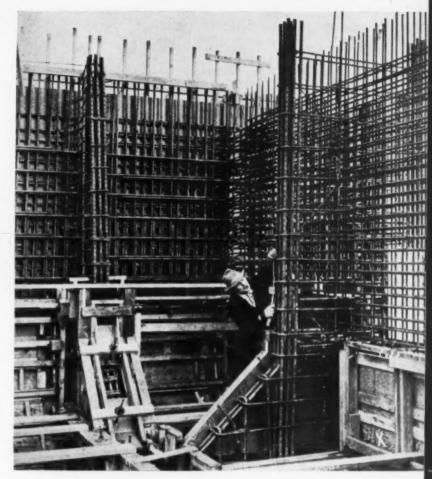
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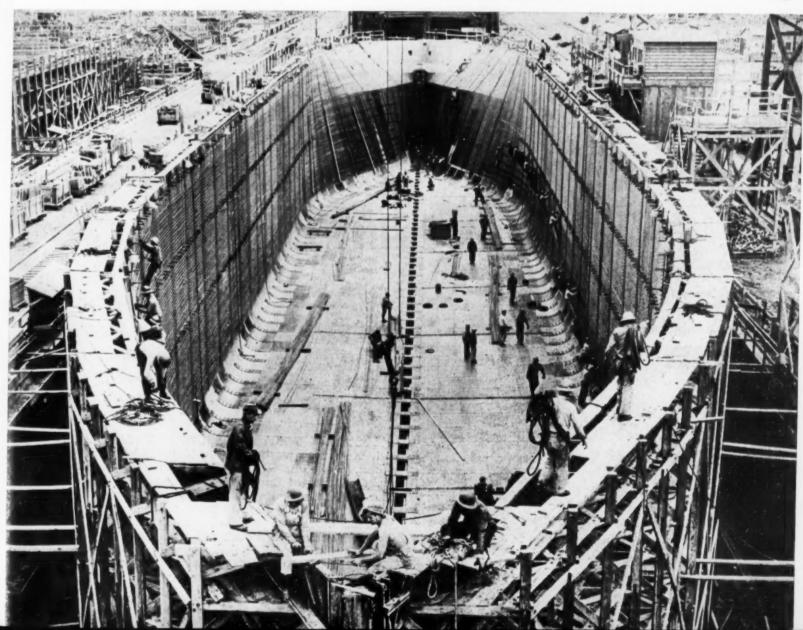
reinforced concrete are included in the U. S. Maritime Commission's large scale program of cargo vessel construction of various types. Herewith are views illustrating the form work and heavy steel

reinforcement employed at a West Coast shipyard by Concrete Ship Constructors. The barges, of about 14,000 tons gross weight, are 360 ft. long, 56 ft. beam and 38 ft. depth. They are poured in three stages within plywood-lined forms. Exterior forms are built up to full height and interior forms are extended progressively as concrete pouring proceeds. Shell thickness varies from  $5\frac{1}{2}$  in. for the bottom of the hull to a minimum of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. for the sides. Lightweight aggregate is used for the concrete mix, which contains about  $9\frac{1}{2}$  sacks of cement per cu. yd. Steel bar reinforcement is welded into strings as long as 250 ft. and dragged into the hull through an opening at the bottom in the inshore end.



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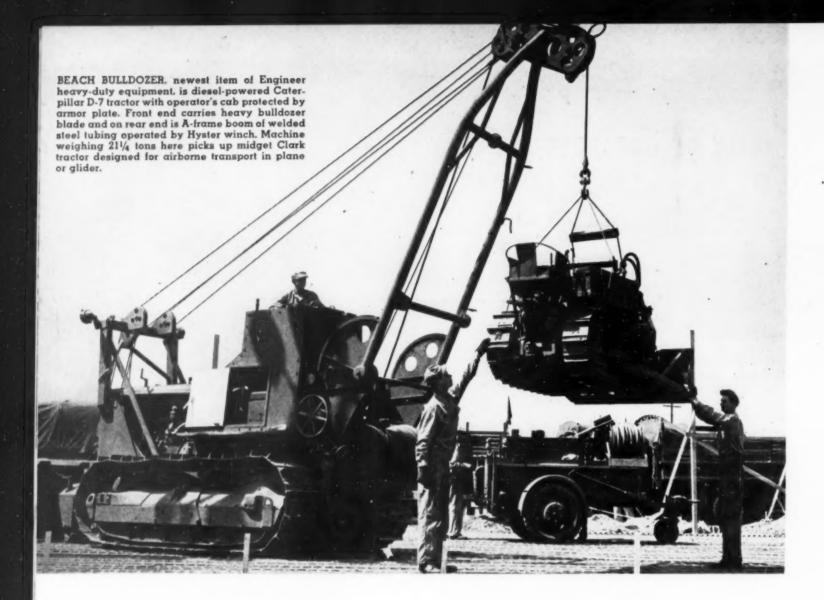
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# Engineer Equipment Is Feature of Weapons of War Exhibit BY U. S. ARMY SERVICE FORCES

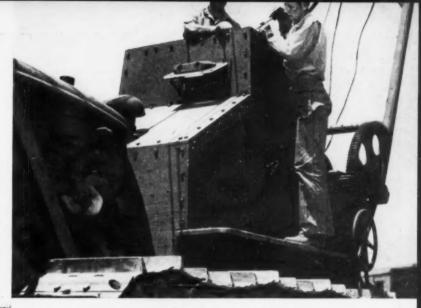
AIRBORNE TRACTOR (below) is midget Clark crawler unit with hydraulically controlled buildozer blade used largely by Aviation Engineers for construction of advance airfields. It is here shown resting on pierced plank type of iteel landing mat for airstrip surfacing.



By ROBERT K. TOMLIN Editor, Construction Methods

which modern warfare is highly mobile and highly mechanized, an exhibit, "Weapons of War," featuring equipment used by the Corps of Engineers and other branches of the Army Service Forces, was staged on a 10-acre tract of Central Park in New York City June 11-24, during the period of the Fifth War Bond Drive, to indicate to the public some of the purposes for which its money is being spent to win the war. The Engineer exhibit covered equipment ranging in size from a pneumatic paving breaker to a new 21½-ton, diesel-powered





FRONT END of beach bulldozer is equipped with heavy bulldozer blade, cable-operated. As unit is designed for use in combat areas, operator is protected from enemy fire by armored cab.

ARMORED CAB protects operator of new beach bulldozer, latest addition to Engineer equipment. Units of this type, here illustrated with a wood mock-up instead of the armor plate regularly used on the cab, because of the great demand for these protective coverings overseas, were used against the enemy for the first time after the invasion of Normandy beaches of France on D-day, June 6.

"beach tractor," designed for invasion service and fitted with an operator's cab protected by armor plate, a heavy bull-dozer blade on the front end and a winch-operated A-frame boom of welded steel tubing on the rear end. Planned by the Engineer Board, Fort Belvoir, Va., the Engineer exhibit was presented under the sponsorship of the Engineer Department's North Atlantic Division and New

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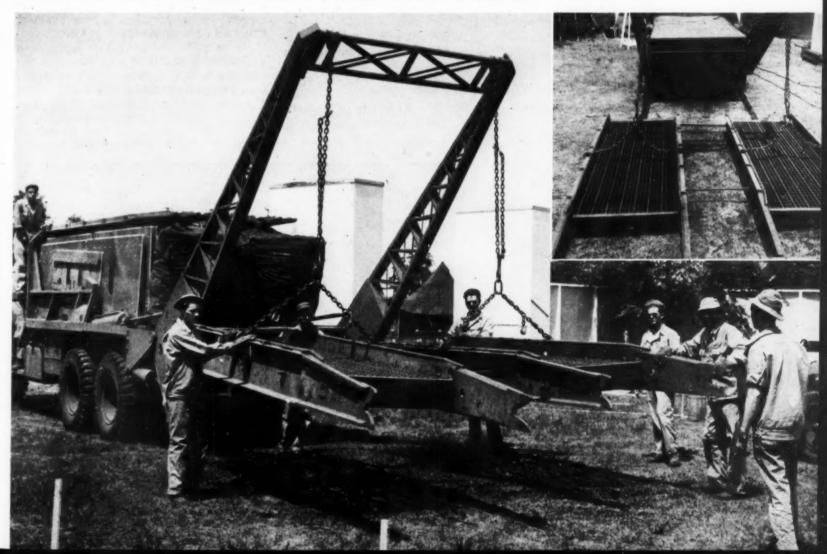
York District Office, in charge, respectively, of Col. Albert H. Burton and Col. Edgar W. Garbisch.

The present war has made greater demands upon Engineers and Engineer equipment than any other conflict in history. In addition to munitions and industrial plants, huge cantonments and training centers, airports, warehouses, shops and other large-scale projects in

the United States, the Engineers have built off-shore bases, the Alaskan highway, airfields, oil pipelines and thousands ment used on those types of construction of miles of supply lines. The same equipies now in use overseas, often under enemy fire, to facilitate the operations and movements of Allied troops and to impede the movement of enemy units. With the invasion of Western Europe now a

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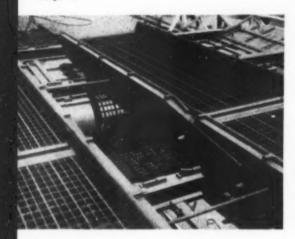
STEEL GRID TREADWAY PANELS (below) to form roadway of floating bridge carried by air-inflated rubber pontons are picked up for placement by special Heil crane boom on 6-ton Brockway truck, designed to service Army Engineers' bridge-building operations.





SECTIONAL CONSTRUCTION is feature of air-inflated rubber pontons. Bulkheads form twelve independent cells, limiting escape of air when unit is perforated by enemy fire, so that buoyancy of undamaged sections enables bridge to remain affoat. Small compressor in background inflates rubber floats.

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reality, instead of a hope, U. S. Army Engineers and their equipment are being called upon to provide airfields, bridges, roads, pipelines, docks and storage facilities. Theirs is the duty, also, of supplying maps to commanders of various Army units.

Among the units of Engineer equipment included in the exhibit were the following:

Map Reproduction—For map reproduction in the field the Engineers use a large, mobile truck-trailer unit carrying a complete printing press and accessory equipment designed for speedy production. The importance of maps in military

operations is indicated by the fact that 3,500 tons of Engineer maps were delivered to General Eisenhower's command for planning the invasion of Europe and 69,602,000 copies of 3,132 separate maps were delivered for D-Day use.

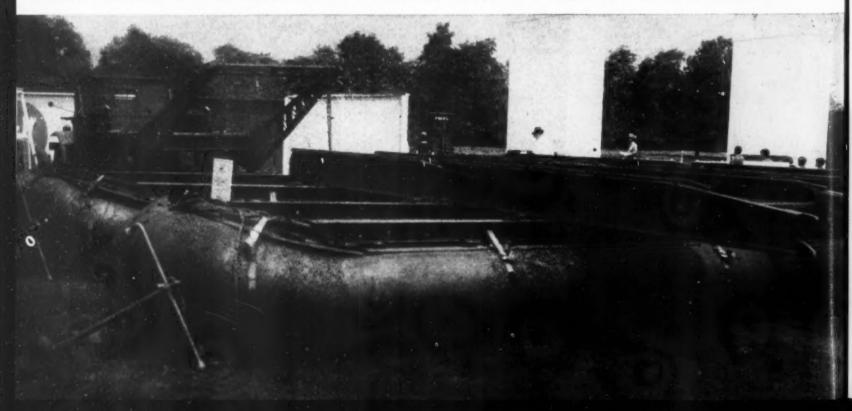
Beach Tractor-Bulldozer-Newest item of Engineer equipment is the "beach tractor" designed for use in connection with landing operations on hostile shores. Ordinarily it is the first item of heavy equipment to be landed in any amphibious operation. It is a Caterpillar D-7 diesel unit fitted with an operator's cab protected by armor plate, as indicated in one of the photographs, for combat duty. With accessories in the form of a heavy bulldozer blade on the front end and a welded steel tube A-frame boom on the rear, the unit weighs 211/4 tons. The boom, for lifting heavy objects and clearing a beachhead of war debris, is served by a power takeoff operating a Hyster winch.

Midget Airborne Tractor—In contrast with the heavy beach tractor is the midget Clark tractor, designed especially for airborne transport and use by the Army's Aviation Engineers. It is fitted with a hydraulically controlled bulldozer blade and may be readily loaded into a standard C-47 or C-46 transport plane or a transport glider. It is largely used for grading the sites of airplane landing strips at advanced locations.

Power Tools—Every Engineer unit carries with it a complement of standard power tools operated by compressed air or gasoline engine. Pictured herewith are a group of rock drills and paving breakers. In the field these tools are served by a portable air compressor mounted on a motor truck for quick mobility to points of use. The compressor illustrated herewith is a Le Roi gasoline-engine driven unit rated at 105 cu. ft. per min. and carried by a GMC truck.

Another useful power tool is the port-

RUBBER PONTON FLOATS measuring 33x9 ft. (below) are inflated with air at 2 lb. per sq. in. pressure to carry steel grid treadway panels (above, left).





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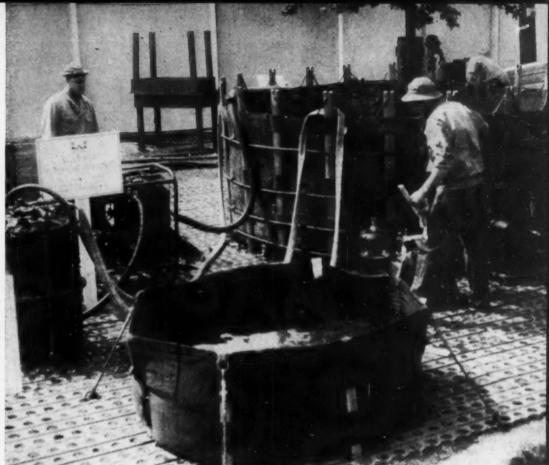
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CAPTURED FROM GERMANS is this pneumatic paving breaker.



POTABLE WATER for troops in war theaters is supplied by portable purification units equipped with both hand and power pumps and collapsible canvas storage tanks.

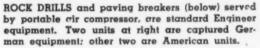
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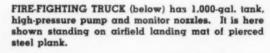
able mechanical chain saw widely employed in felling and bucking trees, cutting bridge timbers and piling and for dock work. Herewith pictured is a Mercury gasoline-powered Disston unit with 36-in. long blade having an operating speed of 1,200 ft. per min.; behind it, in the picture, is a captured German saw of similar type, but heavier and harder to operate.

Bridge Building—In a mobile war such as our armed forces are now fighting, bridge-building equipment assumes a role of primary importance. The Engineer exhibit showed the latest type of inflated rubber ponton float carrying a treadway of steel grating, as illustrated. The rub-



PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSOR (above) is Le Roi gasoline-driven unit, with capacity of 105 cu. ft. of air per min., mounted on GMC truck for quick mobility to points of use.







ber pontons measure 33x3 ft. and are inflated with air from a compressor at 2 lb. per sq. in. pressure. An improved feature of the modern ponton float is its sectional construction. Transverse bulkheads divide each unit into 12 compartments, each separately inflated, so that if the float is hit by enemy gunfire air escapes only from the sections perforated by bullets or shell fragments, the buoyancy of the undamaged sections being sufficient to keep the bridge afloat. For handling the 24-ft. long steel grid treadway or deck panels of these ponton bridges, the Engineers employ a specially designed 6-ton Brockway truck equipped with a Heil 4-ton crane with a 14-ft. boom which unloads and places the steel grid treadway sections with the aid of chain slings, as shown in one of the pictures. Ponton equipment of this type was used successfully in establishing a crossing of the Volturno River, in Italy, under enemy fire.

Fire Fighting Truck—For extinguishing fires of all sorts, caused by airplane crash landings, enemy air-raid bombing, and artillery fire the Engineers operate several types of fire-fighting equipment. The largest unit, here pictured, is a 16-ton truck carrying a 1,000-gal. tank, high-pressure pump, and monitor nozzles for discharging streams of water where needed

Searchlights—Both American and captured German searchlight equipment were on display at the exhibit. The German searchlight is a 60-cm. unit for anti-aircraft defense and is traversed and elevated rapidly to spot its target by an operator in a seat mounted on and revolving with the machine. This searchlight is employed principally for low-altitude (Continued on page 138)



AIR-INFLATED RUBBER BOATS present contrast between American (left) 6-man and German (right) types. American boat has six independent inflated sections while German boat is in one unit.



CHAIN SAWS of American (in front) and German manufacture are units of similar type, driven by gasoline engines.



CAPTURED GERMAN
SEARCHLIGHT (left), a
60-cm. unit for antiaircraft defenses, is revolved and elevated
by operator who sits
in revolving seat
mounted on framework.



AMERICAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT SEARCHLIGHT
is 60-in, machine casting 800,000,000-candlepower beam. Reflecting
mirror is of steel and
functions even though
hit by bullets. It is
served by portable
gasoline-driven electric
generator.





BULLDOZER levels ground at Rome's principal harbor to facilitate unloading of Allied supplies from landing craft.

Signal Corps Photos



ARMY ENGINEERS set logs in place to serve as makeshift raft for unloading ships. In background repair work proceeds on harbor.

(right)

RUBBLE AND SUPPLIES are hauled by Army trucks (below) from harbor which is being repaired. Truck-mounted air compressors and tractor-bull-dozer units aid work of restoration.



REPAIR WORK on the large harbor of Civitavecchia, Italy, principal port of Rome, is shown in these official Signal Corps photos. Extensive damage was inflicted on the harbor by Allied Fifth Army, prior to capture of city.

PILEDRIVER (below) drives down rails to be used in constructing pier at Civitavecchia harbor.

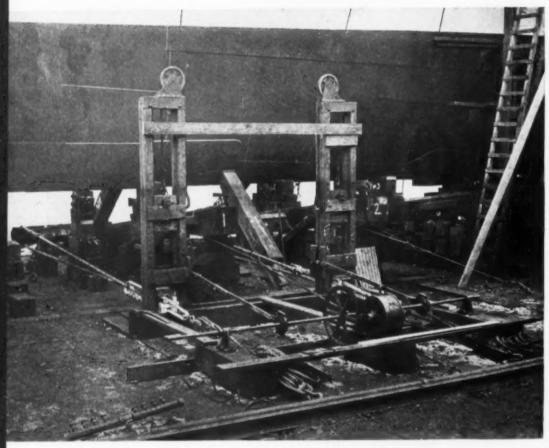


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# Shipyard "Guillotines" CUT HAWSERS

#### TO RELEASE HULLS FOR SIDE

#### LAUNCHING



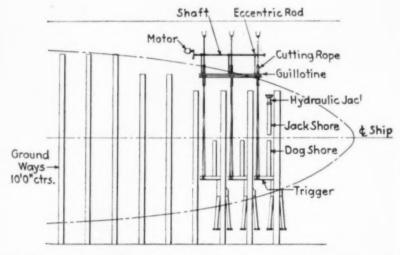
PAIR OF GUILLOTINES at both how and stern are equipped with weighted knife edges operating in vertical leads like a pile driver. Electric motor turns shaft equipped with cams and rods which are withdrawn from thimbles on holding lines, thus allowing weights to drop and cut hawsers holding ship on ways. In this view weights are blocked to prevent accidental drop prior to launching.

WITH BIG SPLASH ship is launched sidewise in narrow channel (left), dropping from end of ways and entering water with only slight list.

EXPERIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION for war has left shipbuilders on the Great Lakes more firmly than ever wedded to their preference for side-launching. With water frontage comparatively inexpensive, they contend that advantages of preassembly, construction on an even keel, plus launching ease, confirm the wisdom of their practice. The not infrequent necessity of launching into a narrow basin or river is another factor in the choice of methods. A major disadvantage, however, is that it is necessarily impractical to have cranes working on both sides of the ship under construction.

Vessels at the yards of the American Shipbuilding Co. are built on ground ways made of 24x18-in. timbers, spaced 10 ft. on centers. When ready for launching, the weight of the hull is transferred from keel blocks to the inclined launching way by jacking it up with wedges and removing all shores.

The release of the ship for its slide, sidewise, down the inclined launching ways is accomplished by cutting the hawsers that hold it with pairs of "guillotines," located at the bow and at the stern, and operated simultaneously by electric motors. Each guillotine is equipped with a heavily weighted knifeedge sliding in vertical leads like a piledriver. Each weight is suspended by a short length of rope passing over a sheave and terminating in a thimble through which passes the end of a horizontal rod, as shown in the accompanying illustration. The other end of this



DETAIL OF LAUNCHING SETUP shows ground ways, shores, trigger and cable-cutting "guillotine" for releasing vessel.

rod is connected with a cam on a shaft from an electric motor. When the ship is ready for launching, a single switch is thrown to start all electric motors at the same time, causing the withdrawal of the rods from the thimbles on the weightholding lines and the release of the weighted guillotine knives which drop on and cut the hawsers holding the hull allowing it to slide down the greased ways into the water. The system has the advantage of never releasing the ship before a nervous sponsor has cracked the champagne bottle over the stem.

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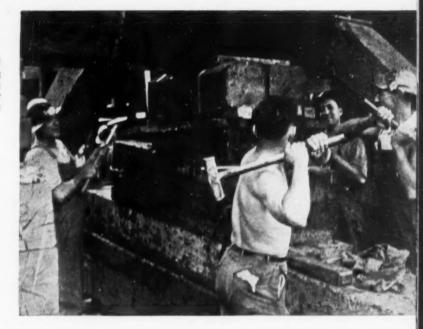
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A slope of 1% in. per 1 ft. on the launching ways insures sufficient sliding speed so that the vessel clears the ends of the ways. There is rarely more than a 1-ft. drop to the water. A huge wave is, of course, thrown up as the vessel leaves the ways, preventing any serious

WEDGES ARE DRIVEN (right) to transfer weight of ship from keel blocks to sliding way just prior to launching. View is from waterfront side.





## Tank-Landing Barges

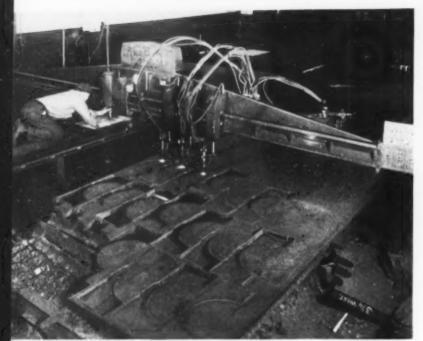
#### BUILT UPSIDE DOWN BY ASSEMBLY LINE WELDING

LANDING BARGES designed to carry one medium-size tank and various types of Naval equipment and personnel, are being constructed for the Navy by the Warren City Manufacturing Co., of Warren, Ohio, by assembly-line methods. Each LCM-3 (Landing Craft Mechanized) lighter is 50 ft. long, 14 ft. wide and weighs approximately 25 tons.

The all-welded, diesel-powered steel barges are first built upside down with the aid of special fabricating jigs and then turned rightside up for final fabrication and engine installation. The first landing craft built at the company's \$9,000,-000 plant required 23 working days, but one is now completed every 48 hr. As the plant is located far inland, the company has built its own "indoor ocean"a 34,000-gal. test tank. Here hulls are checked and the diesel power plant gets a 2-hr. break-in. After this test launching, the barges are placed on their sides, loaded on flat-cars, or railway gondolas, and shipped to points of embarkation.

Of sturdy construction, these craft can go through breakers, ground on a beach,

CONSTRUCTED UPSIDE DOWN by assembly line methods in special fabricating jigs, landing barge (right) reaches final stages of framework and rib construction, prior to installation of bottom plates.

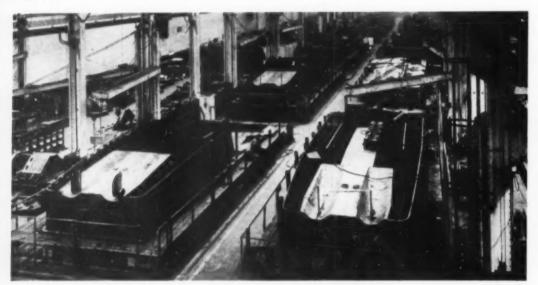


MULTIPLE-NOZZLE FLAME CUTTER, controlled by template, slices through heavy steel plate.



DECK PLATES are welded to supporting channels and beams in well section after barge, constructed upside down, has been turned by crane.





ON ASSEMBLY LINE of Warren City Manufacturing Co. are LCM-3 tank-landing barges in various states of construction. Twin rudders are in place on lighter at left. Completed barges are 50 ft. long and 14 ft. wide and weigh about 25 tons.

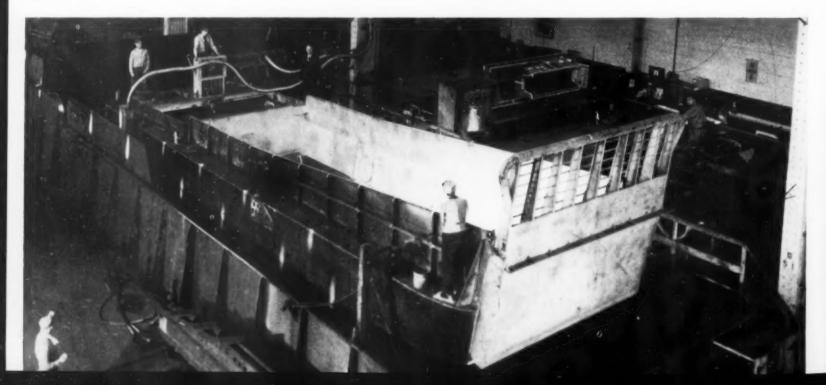


and pull off under their own power. Barges of this type have been used in the South Pacific and have played a leading role in the invasion of France. With more than 20,000 on hand, the Navy wants 80,000 by the end of the year.

The construction of the landing craft at the Warren City Manufacturing Co. plant is under the supervision of Capt. R. T. Hanson, USN, Navy supervisor of shipbuilding and inspector of naval material for the Cleveland District. Captain Hanson states that landing craft carry the No. 1 priority for Navy construction.

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"INDOOR OCEAN" of 34.000-gal, capacity (below) serves as testing tank for landing barges at far-inland plant. Here lighter is being lifted from tank after 2-hr, test. Woman worker, at right, starts cleaning in preparation for final painting.



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LAUNDRY PROBLEM on construction job in Pacific war theater, where steady breeze blows, is solved by this homemade washing machine, powered by small windmill rigged up by ingenious member of Navy's Seabees. Horizontal shaft rotated by propeller operates vertical crankshaft with plunger extending into water bucket. This rig is known as "two-shirt" size.



CHINESE FOOTPOWER operates treadles which turn wheels to draw water into flume on huge bomber base in China, which is being built under U. S. Army supervision by 70.000 coolie laborers using primitive equipment.

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GUADALCANAL DIVISION of "Guadalcanal Bougainville, and Tokyo R.R." is built by Navy's Seabees, who completed 1.22-mi. route in three days and took just two days more to build its pier terminus. Motive power for trains is provided by three Plymouth gasoline-powered engines. They are driven from right side of cab by "engineers" of Army Service Command.

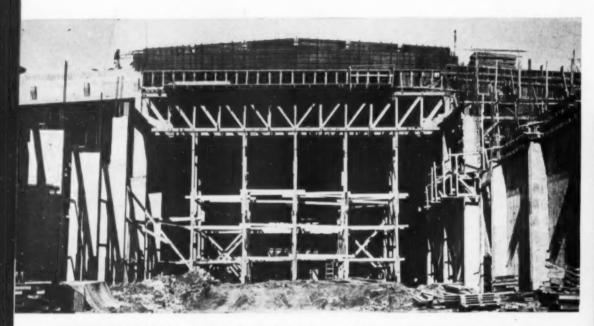
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"TWIST COURSE" provides severe test for trucks at Fort Wayne, Ind., proving ground of International Harvester Co. (below). Constructed of concrete, it consists of diagonal depressions ranging in depth from 12 to 19 in. Trucks driven at predetermined speed over this course are subjected to repeated twisting stresses similar to those experienced in off-highway service.





# Naval Ammunition Depot costin



WAREHOUSE ROOF is poured on forms shored from movable, truss-supported platforms which carry knock-down forms during moving. Beam and girder roof system of this 300x666x42-ft. reinforced concrete building prevented use of usual rolling and retracting forms. Platform was skidded on steel crane girders atop concrete columns.

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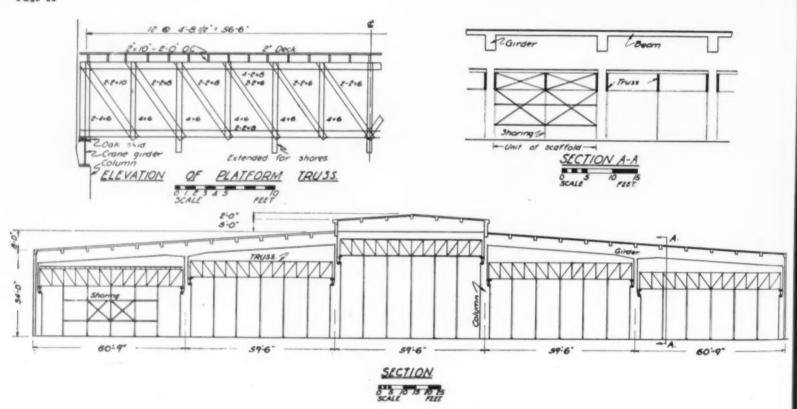
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#### DETAILS THAT AIDED

- Special tractor-drawn plow excavated drainage ditches
- 2. Kraft paper and limestone talc protected membrane waterproofing
- Tarpaulin-covered wood arches used during cold-weather concreting
- 4. Panel forms erected from movable truss-supported platforms
- 5. High-early-strength concrete speeded stripping of forms

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UNIT FORMS (below) of powder storage building wing wall are ready for pouring of concrete. Later, structure is covered by earth blanket.

PLATFORM TRUBS was used for support of roof forms for concrete warehouse.

UNIT FORM PANELS (below) of steel expedite construction of 1.200 concrete igloos.





### \$60,000,000, INCLUDES 1,985 BUILDINGS

THE \$60,000,000 NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT built in Indiana by Maxon Construction Co., Inc., for the Bureau of Yards and Docks, U. S. Navy Department, occupies a site of 100 sq. mi. of hilly and generally wooded land. Originally intended to provide a permanent depot for the Atlantic fleet, work was begun a year before Pearl Harbor. Surveys, plans and specifications were prepared by Russel B. Moore & Co. of Indianapolis, Ind. from basic designs and requirements of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, of which Vice Admiral Ben Moreell is chief.

After Dec. 7, 1941, the character of the work did not change, but the scope and tempo were continually stepped up to meet the demands of a rapidly expanding Navy. How well the job kept pace with the demands is evidenced by the fact that in a public works competition conducted by the Bureau of Yards and Docks it placed third out of 30 competing jobs, second out of 115 competing jobs, and first, three times, out of 36 competing jobs. The builders received the Army-Navy E for the first period it was available to construction contractors and an extension of the E Award for the succeeding period.

The 1,985 permanent fireproof buildings constructed at this writing provide a total of 7,000,000 sq. ft. of floor space, supplemented by many acres of paved outdoor storage yards for materials not requiring housing. The site, though isolated, is



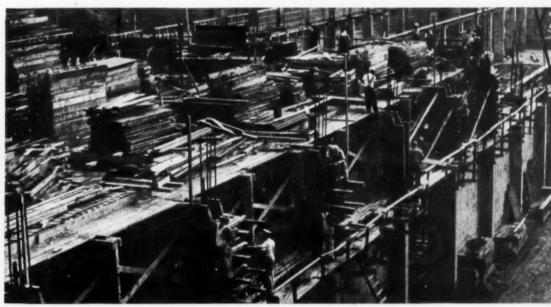
TARPAULINS for protection of concrete in winter are supported by laminated rib arches of wood.

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DIRECTING CONSTRUCTION are LIEUT. A. P. PASQUARIELLO, U.S.N.R., officer-in-charge of construction (left), and A. C. ALT, general superintendent for Maxon Construction Co., Inc.

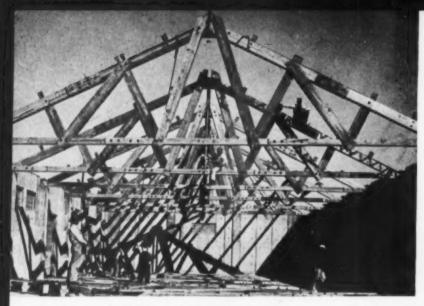


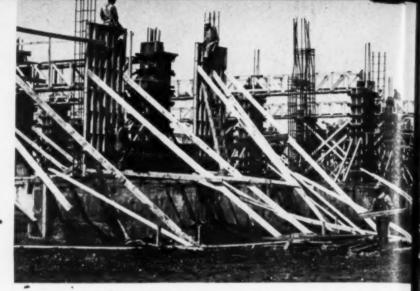
FORMS ARE PILED on working platform and moved in three truss sections.



UNIT FORM PANELS (below) permit fast erection and stripping in all types of buildings. This is one of 450 large earth-covered powder magazines. Use of this type of form solved problem of skilled labor scarcity and kept costs down.

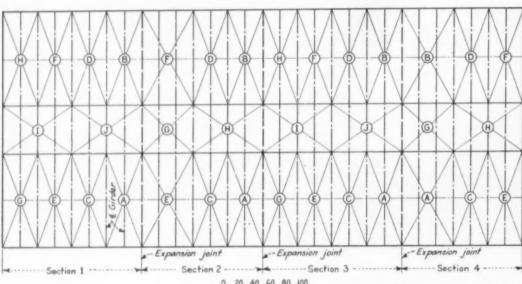






TIMBER TRUSS MEMBERS, prefabricated at central mill, are assembled on floor of buildings with timber connectors. Crawler cranes erect completed trusses.

TOWED BY BULLDOZER (below), falsework leapfrogs railroad cuts and all obstructions.

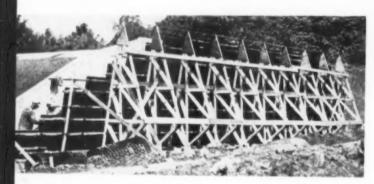




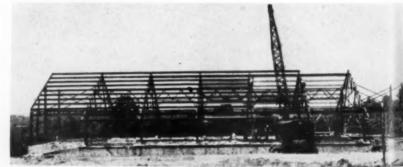
CONCRETE POURING CHART shows how full daily pouring schedule was maintained for warehouse. Side bays were poured first, alternate sides on consecutive days, moving forward. Building was divided by expansion joints into four sections and enough forms were provided for one complete section.



traversed by two state highways, a branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, and an adequate 66,000-v. electric power transmission line. The area included a lake of 815 acres. Intramural extensions of utilities to serve this highly industrialized community include 230 mi. of highway, of which 25 mi. are high-type concrete or asphaltic surface, and the remainder







TRANSIT MIXERS (left) are loaded from Butler central batching plant at rate of 110 cu. yd. per hr. Aggregate and water were heated at same rate in winter.

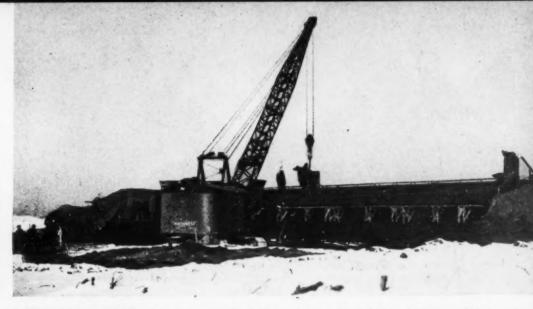
GENERAL STOREHOUSE (above) of fireproof construction is erected with aid of Northwest crawler crane.

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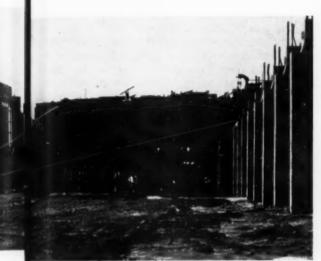
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LIGHT TRUSSED CATWALKS brace and plumb columns, facilitating access for concrete placement.



CONCRETING OF IGLOO magazine proceeds during winter, with calcium chloride added to mix. Bottom-dump bucket is handled by Northwest crane.



AFTER COMPLETION of reinforced concrete warehouse (below), platform trusses employed in its construction are used in shed (right) for storage of heavy equipment and trucks.





macadam; 125 mi. of railway, including two train-size wyes at junctions with main line; three classification yards; two scale-tracks; four terminals for collection and distribution of carloads and trains; 60 mi. of telephone line with two exchanges; and 56 mi. of electric transmission lines served by a 6,000-kva. substation and 57 distributing stations. Because of the hazardous occupancy, much

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of the systems of communication and power transmission was underground and of explosion-proof construction.

As the depot is adjacent to the famous Indiana limestone districts, excellent quality stone was available for roads and ballast. A total of 1,700,000 tons was produced by Ralph Rogers Co. of Bloomington, Ind. from a quarry located just off the depot site and delivered by truck for

highways and for base course of railways. The Louisville Cement Co. produced 500,000 tons of stone at its New Albany, Ind., plant and delivered it by rail for final ballast and concrete aggregate.

By keeping the railway and highway roadbeds and base courses in advance of the structural building program the contractor made Navy dollars do double duty, providing access which permitted

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CONCRETE IN BUCKETS (below) is hoisted from truck-mixers to hoppers on roof of warehouse by two Lorain crawler cranes with 75-ft. booms.



CONCRETE FOR WAREHOUSE ROOF is delivered by rubber-tired buggies loaded from hoppers.







LARGE PLOW, built by contractor and mounted on standard LeTourneau rooter, (left) digs 3 ml. of drainage ditches per 8-hr. shift. Caterpillar-drawn and operated (right), its low center of gravity makes it easy to keep ditches straight in any terrain. Only small amount of cleaning out after plow is necessary.



EARTHMOVING OPERATIONS were carried on by fleet of 28 scrapers and 70 tractors, of which this Caterpillar with LeTourneau 15-yd. scraper forms part.





summer schedules to be carried through the winter and at the same time enabling traffic to bind base courses over generally unstable subsoil. To these surfaces were applied finish courses of ballast or road stone stabilized by liberal use of calcium chloride, with gratifying results.

A lake, previously built by the state for recreational uses, was enlarged and reinforced to form an adequate reservoir. A pumping and water treatment plant with a capacity of 720,000 gal. per day supplies all domestic and fire needs. Distribution is through two elevated tanks of 200,000-gal. capacity and 64 mi. of piping made of asbestos-cement Transite to conserve metal. The depot is served by an activated-sludge sewage disposal plant, four pump lift stations and 20 mi. of sewers. Lightweight concrete manhole covers, contrived to conserve metal, were generally used and proved satisfactory.

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Excavations totaled 14,500,000 cu. yd. of earth and 750,000 cu. yd. of rock, employing 70 Caterpillar and International tractors, 28 LeTourneau and Gar Wood scrapers, 12 crawler draglines and shovels, two truck cranes, and a fleet of 100 trucks. Handling and distribution of construction materials and personnel employed an additional 32 Lorain, Marion, Northwest and Link-Belt crawler and truck cranes, 800 Chevrolet, Dodge, International and Ford trucks, one locomotive, one Ohio locomotive crane and two Wiley whirley cranes.

Terrain was irregular, with sharp, hilly slopes draining to numerous dry branches, and thence to three substantial creeks. Land utilization was, therefore, low, but the entire area was occupied and the buildings and roads provided accelerated runoff which the road and rail ditches served to concentrate. The result tended

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SUBGRADE AND BALLAST (left), in fereground are prepared for railroad to serve one of 450 large earth-covered smokeless powder magazines. spaced over 3,000 acres. Crame in background moved a mile a day to serve five buildings.



No contractor ever tries to be his own dentist or his own shoemaker. It is even more dangerous for him to be his own lawyer. There are, however, some legal rules which every contractor should know, and these rules may be explained in plain English without resorting to the jargon of the law, unintelligible to most laymen.

This series of articles, dealing with the Legal Adventures of Tractor Conn, a typical contractor anywhere in the United States. explains some of these legal points in plain language for the contractor. Each one is based on an actual decision of an American Court.

#### The Case of the Sunday Stop



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"Did you stop payment on the check of mine I gave that jobber?" Tractor Conn queried.

"I'm glad you came in," the cashier of the Contract Bank told him. "I was going to call you up. No, we just paid the check in full."

"Paid it! Why you told me on the phone that you'd enter a stop pay order as soon as you came in this morning. Say, I'll have your hide if I have to go to Washington to get it."

"You needn't go that far," the cashier pointed out. "Just sue the bank for the amount of the check, but you haven't a Jap's chance."

"How do you make that out?"

"Your stop payment order won't stand law. In the first place, it was given over the phone; in the second place it was given on Sunday; and in the third and last place I wasn't at the bank when I received the order," the cashier argued.

"I'm still going to sue," Tractor Conn persisted, was as good as his word, and won in a case reported in 252 S. W. 161.

"We do not say whether or not, as a matter of law, a cashier could refuse to receive this notice over the telephone at his home on Sunday. That question is not before us. But we do say that the action of the cashier in receiving the notice as he did very naturally lulled Conn into a sense of security and kept him from acting further in his own behalf in person," said the Court in ruling in Tractor Conn's favor.

#### The Case of the Disputed Guarantee



"I am in receipt of yours of recent date, inclosing postdated check. I am sorry that I cannot accept this unless you make satisfactory arrangements with your bank that it will be honored on presentment," Tractor Conn wrote. The debtor promptly took the check to the bank on which it was drawn.

"Will you agree to honor this check, when it's presented," he queried, "and will you telephone and write Tractor Conn telling him that you're holding the check and that it will be paid on presentment?"

The bank phoned and wrote as per request and Conn acted on the faith thereof. The check was dishonored on presentment and Conn sued the bank in the North Dakota courts.

"We rely on the bank's letter as a binding guarantee," Conn's lawyer argued.

The letter was a guarantee of the debt of a third party beyond the powers of a bank," the bank's lawyer retorted. The Court overruled this contention and decided in Conn's favor, in 194 N.W. Reporter, 387.

"The transaction may properly be considered as an independent undertaking in the nature of a letter of credit within banking powers," was the reasoning of the Court.

#### The Case of the Stolen Truck

Tractor Conn was talking to the manager of the McGee Motor Sales in an excited tone.

"Listen, McGee, this is Tractor Conn. That special dump truck I bought from you was stolen last night. Have you another one I could hire for love, money or what have you?"



"No, nothing that would hang together 24 hours, but if I can get a permit from the proper authorities, I'll sell you a new one with the greatest of pleasure," McGee assured him.

"Can't pay for the two trucks in one season," Conn demurred.

"Who mentioned pay? I insured that truck for you against collision, fire and theft."

"I was so excited I forgot all about that," Tractor admitted. He filed his proof of loss with the insurance company that forenoon, bought a new truck an hour later, and 70 days later the insurance adjuster telephoned him.

"Glad to report the police have recovered your stolen truck. It cost about \$50 to put it in first-class order, and we'll deliver it to you tomorrow," the adjuster explained.

"My truck? You must mean the one that somebody stole out'a my garage this summer, but that's yours now," Conn protested. "Your policy says that the loss shall be payable in 60 days, and 60 days after you get the claim papers you're bound to pay for the truck, although it might be found 10 seconds after the 60 days expire."

And the Illinois Supreme Court in O'Connor vs. Maryland, reported in 3 A.L.R. 793, decided that Tractor Conn was right.

"In order to make an insurance policy of this kind of value to the owner of the property, there must be some time fixed after which the return of the property will not release the company from liability," said the Court.

> More Legal Adventures of Tractor Conn Next Month



TWENTY-TWO YARD CARRYING SCRAPER pulled by tractor hauls material down specially constructed service roadway from bench to highway.

# Scrapers Flatten Slopes of Deep Highway Cut



RIPPER PLOW weighing 7 tons is eased out to brink of cut by D-8 Caterpillar tractor to uproot large boulders.

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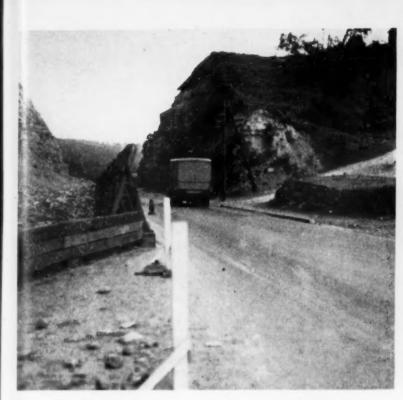
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widening a High, steep slope of a highway cut along-side heavy traffic is usually a job for shovels, but a contractor in western Pennsylvania successfully used rooters and scrapers in trimming back the high banks at the east approach of the George Westinghouse Bridge in East Pittsburgh, Pa. Here 270,000 cu. yd. of earth, loose rock and boulders are being sliced off the steep hillsides to eliminate a hazard to traffic that has worried the Pennsylvania state highway commission for years. Falling boulders within the cuts in the 1-mi. approach area have been a constant threat to damage of property and life. The only remedy lay in cutting back the slopes and reducing their gradient. The task was somewhat complicated because of the danger to the flow of traffic over the highways while digging was in progress.

The \$300,000 contract awarded to the Hinman Bros. Const. Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Denver, Colo., included the cuts

DEEP CUT (left), where steep slopes are being flattened, measures 150 fluor top to toe. Note timber barricade along highway to intercept falling boulders before they reach road.



HEAVY TIMBER BARRICADE prevents small material caused by slope trimming from falling into traffic lane.

beginning at the east end of the bridge and extending eastward to the Turtle Creek underpass for a total of 1 mi. Operations began on April 4, 1944, in the largest cut at the bridge approach. At the south side, this cut measures 150 ft. in depth at the deepest point from top to toe of slope. An 18-ft. bench is cut along the face of the slope 70 ft. above the roadway. Above the bench, in material largely earth and small rock, the cut is being trimmed back to a 11/2 to 1 slope. The fall below the bench to be on a 3/4 to 1 slope, is mostly rock and coal structure. Almost half of the total excavation or about 125,-000 cu. yd. is contained in this south slope. A heavy 8-ft. barricade, constructed largely of 6x6-in. hardwood timber and strong enough to hold a heavy fill, was built along the entire 900-ft. length of the cut at the toe of the slope. This barrier prevents small rock and earth from falling to the roadway during operations.

In analyzing the project, Hinman Bros. concluded that rooters and scrapers would be the best equipment to use to cut back the slope and at the same time to control the boulders (Continued on page 149)

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TICKLISH OPERATION (below) is performed here in bench at edge of 70-ft.





CONSTRUCTION ROADWAY is built to bench level to aid present operations and to provide access to bench for future cleaning. Note recent  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 slope trimming in background, performed by scrapers.

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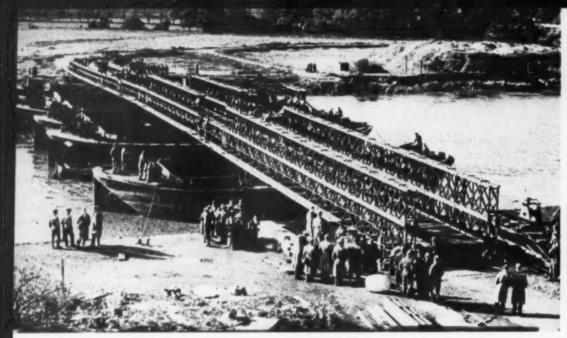
EXCAVATING OPERATIONS are under personal direction of ROB-ERT HINMAN (left), Hinman Bros. Const. Co., Pittsburgh. Pa. Bob. native of Colorado and graduate of University of Colorado, class of '28, came to Western Pennsylvania with his company from Denver in 1939 to work on Laurel Hill section of Pennsylvania Turnpiks.

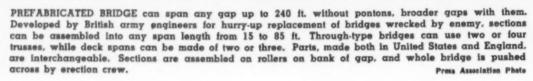


ENGINEERING FUNC-TIONS are handled on job by C. I. McKEE (right), native of Pennsylvania.

CABLE SLING (below) is quickly wrapped around boulder, which is snagged away from edge by tractor.









LOADING RUNWAYS used by invasion ships are quickly repaired by special party of Royal Marines stationed at British port from which supplies go to Normandy. Here new slab of concrete is wheeled down runway to replace one damaged ship making quick turn-around. British Combine Photo

## They Did It

#### CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

#### For Superintendents and Foremen

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IN PACIFIC WAR THEATER lumber for construction by Navy's Seabees is obtained by felling trees and cutting them up with portable Disston chain saw powered by Mercury gasoline engine.

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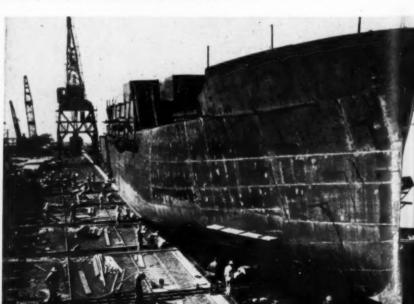
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ALL-WELDED STEEL SHIPS (below) are rapidly moved from one way to another at Decatur, Ala., yards of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp. Known as coasters, these cargo vessels are 258 ft. long and 42 ft. wide and sraw about 7 ft., unloaded and without ballast. For transfer to next way, which takes about 90 min. ship is lifted 2½ in. off way with 12 hydraulic jacks. Jacks are on carts supported by flanged wheels running on railroad tracks.





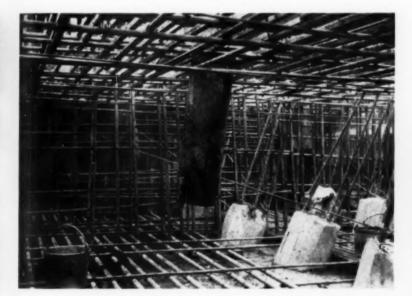




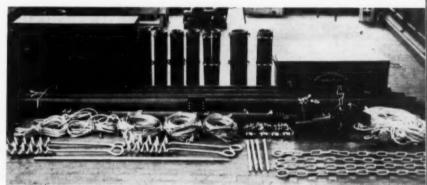
TUNNEL ALONGSIDE SHASTA DAM is plugged with grout, as Sacramento River water which used tunnel to bypass dam will now be released to turn generators of Shasta power plant. First load of grout is poured into hopper of Pumpcrete machine (right) to be forced through 1.200-ft, tubes to tunnel plug.

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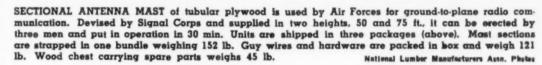
EXTENSION BARS (left) welded to dowel rods projecting from butts of cut-off concrete piles provide additional anchorage bond against uplift for footing slab under Mill Creek pumping station, Cincinnati, recently completed by LaCrosse Dredging Corp. and Ferd J. Robers Construction Co., contractors for U. S. Engineers (described in "Construction Methods," April, 1944), Reinforcing steel has been placed and lower end of flexible spout is in position to begin depositing footing slab concrete.



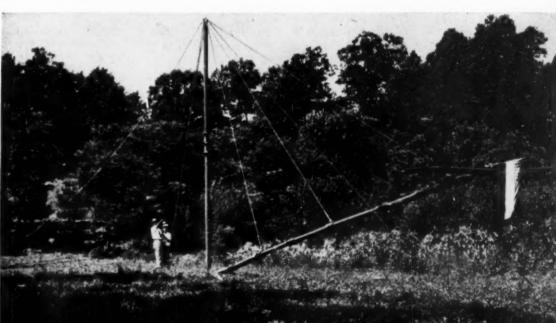
RUST AND SCALE are cleaned from San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (below) by Osborn brush on a Stanley electric drill, prior to repainting. Brush (inset) is cup shaped, approximately 3½ in. in diameter, heavily filled with coarse .020 S.A. wires which extend 15/16 in. out of cup. Operated in and driven by portable hand tool, brush spins at 4.200 rpm.

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#### THE NATIONAL DEBT-

#### and Your Postwar Job

Coming upon the heels of a runinous ten-year depression, this war has once more made it clear to us that the strength of our country depends upon our ability and willingness to produce. Until the world conflict eclipsed the depression, we saw what failure to use our productive capacity can do-even to a country potentially as rich as ours.

The stark reality of war finally shocked us out of our economic lethargy. The necessity of supplying our Armed Forces with almost unlimited quantities of goods unleashed our inventive genius and revealed to us our real capacity to produce. It indicated what our standard of living might be if, in time of peace, we used our full productive capacity.

Today we are producing more than all the other nations combined, half again as much as in 1940. Today our production is insuring victory to our fighting men. But what of the future?

Already our national debt has reached astronomical proportions, and it is going higher. The depression years' fear of insecurity that all but paralyzed our spirit of enterprise, our inventive genius, and our natural instinct for expansion, appears likely to return promptly if industrial activity again is curtailed for long because of unwise pub-

This war is being fought to make men free. But our economy cannot be kept free through military conquest alone. There is another responsibility which we on the home front cannot avoid any more than we can build walls around our future. That is the problem created by our

frightening public debt.

This is a two hundred billion dollar war. It affects the lives of every one of us. At the end of this war, the public debt of the United States will be at least ten times the twenty-five billion dollars that it was at the end of the first World War. It will be almost twice the present annual national income of the country. The interest charge alone will be about 4 per cent of the national income. If the burden were spread evenly, interest alone would take at least \$80.00 of every worker's income per year, or approximately \$1.60 out of each and every weekly pay check.

Some people fear that the heavy taxes required by the debt will keep the country poor by obstructing employment

and limiting the output of goods.

Others believe that the size of the debt does not matter because we owe it to ourselves. They reason that if A is taxed \$100 to pay \$100 interest to B, A has \$100 less to spend and B has \$100 more, but both together have the same amount. They, therefore, hold that the demand for goods and the volume of employment remain unchanged.

Which view is correct?

Is our huge debt bound to be a crushing burden which limits employment and lowers the nation's standard of living, or will it simply redistribute income? May the public debt under certain conditions even be used to help increase employment and raise our living standards?

Most people, rich and poor alike, find it difficult to believe that the national debt "just does'nt matter". They know that the interest alone on this huge debt will be almost equal to the total amount of taxes ever raised before by the government for all purposes in any peacetime year. They find it difficult to follow the kind of reasoning that suggests increasing the already mammoth debt year by year in order to maintain full production and employment. They fail to see how this "debt raising" can go on in-

On the other hand, the records show that other nations

have more than once successfully managed even greater debt burdens than will confront the United States after the present war. The interest on the British debt after the Napoleonic Wars was nearly 8 per cent of the national income, and after the first World War was over 7 per cent. But despite heavy taxes and some unfortunate mistakes in economic policy (such as restoring the prewar pound), per capita real income in Great Britain rose about 31 per cent between 1920 and 1929. In fact, it rose as rapidly as it did in the United States. The world depression was far less severe in Britain than it was in the United States; and by 1936, when industrial production still was 6 per cent below 1929 in the United States, it was nearly 16 per cent above 1929 in Britain. Britain's heavy debt burden proved less of a handicap to her during the depression than our weak banking system did to us.

Whether the debt becomes a crushing burden or whether we use it to further our progress depends upon who holds the debt and how the money is raised to pay the interest.

Here are the important possibilities:

1. If the expenses of the government, including the interest on the debt, are met largely by heavy taxes upon business profits—i.e., by taxes upon job-giving—then they will reduce employment, output, and our standard of living, regardless of who holds the debt. Heavy taxes on profits prevent enterprise from expanding current operations or enlarging the capacity of its clearly uples the prospects for profit seem certain and the prospects.

panding current operations or enlarging the capacity of its plants, unless the prospects for profit seem certain and the prospects for loss are slim. Hence the jobs that might be created to take advantage of long chances will not come into existence, and the country as a whole will be poorer.

If the expenses of the government are met largely by stiff surtaxes upon the incomes of persons who do a considerable amount of saving, and the debt is, in the main, owned by millions of small investors, then the net effect of the debt upon the volume of employment and output will be fairly neutral the volume of employment and output will be fairly neutral. The stiff surtaxes, while reducing the savings of the well-to-do will cause them to avoid risky investments and to hold part of their savings of each year in the form of cash. This will limit the demand for goods and the volume of employment. But this effect will be partially offset if millions of small holders of the debt are led by their savings in government bonds to end a larger part of their current income.

If the expenses of the government are met largely by sales taxes or other taxes on small incomes, and if the debt is held largely by the well-to-do or by business corporations, then the effect of the debt will be unfavorable to employment and production. The limitation to the spending power of the small-income group reduce the volume of investment opportunities, and the

transfer of income to the well-to-do will increase the volume of investment-seeking funds.

4. If the debt is widely distributed among millions of small holders, and the expenses of the government are met largely by taxes on individuals, if substantial exemptions from surtaxes are given for all income invested in new plant or equipment, and if there are liberal offsets for losses, then the debt will help increase employment and raise the standard of living. The millions of small holders will gain a sense of security from their accumulated savings and hence be encouraged to spend a larger portion of their current incomes. The stiff surtaxes will reduce the savings of the well-to-do; liberal exemptions for income put into new plant and equipment, and generous treatment of losses, will cause the well-to-do to invest their savings in job-giving enterprise rather than to hold them in idle cash.

But what is the situation today?

Today, non-banking corporations own nearly half of the Federal debt, commercial banks about one-fourth, and individuals less than one-fourth. Not more, and probably less, than one-tenth of the debt is held by persons earning less than \$5,000-although these persons receive three-fourths of all income.

Today, about half of the revenues of the Federal government come largely from taxes which must be regarded as taxes upon the creation of new jobs. If these conditions continue, we may be sure that the debt will be a disastrous obstacle to a rising standard of living after the war.

What can be done to change this situation?

To begin with, vigorous steps should be taken to get much more of the debt into the hands of individuals, particularly of those in the small-income group. During the last three years, the incomes of individuals, after taxes, have exceeded the supply of consumer goods by \$74.2 billion. In other words, individuals have been compelled, by the sheer scarcity of goods, to save over \$74 billion. Of this amount, only \$27.4 billion, or 37 cents out of every dollar, has gone into government bonds. Indeed, individuals have saved more in the form of cash and bank deposits than in the form of government bonds. The sale of war bonds to individuals was most disappointing in the recent drive. It was so disappointing, in fact, that I would favor a special drive for individuals only, to be scheduled before the next general drive. During 1944, when the supplies of civilian goods are severely restricted and when the fighting is at its climax, the Treasury will have its best opportunity to persuade individuals to buy more bonds. This opportunity should not be lost. An increase of at least twenty-five billion should be the goal for the next year. Every citizen should be made to understand that by buying war bonds now, he is not only helping to win the war; he is helping to make possible a more prosperous and stable America after the war.

The efforts to sell bonds to individuals should be vigorously continued throughout the shift from war production to civilian production. During this period, corporations which, up to now, have been the largest buyers of government bonds, will need all their depreciation allowances and undistributed profits to pay for new equipment and to restore their own dealers' inventories. The government, however, will still have large bills to settle and will need to sell as many bonds as it can for some months after the end of hostilities. During this period, the demand for most types of goods is likely to exceed the immediate productive capacity of industry. Hence, the sale of bonds by the government will make for economic stability.

The huge expenses, including interest on the debt, which the government must meet after the war, require that the tax system be drastically reformed. Today, taxes fall most heavily upon those incomes which are the reward for increasing production and employment, because profits are taxed first as corporate profits, and taxed again as dividends to owners of the corporation. Surtaxes are so stiff and offsets for losses so meager that the well-to-do capitalists cannot afford to encourage and help promising young businessmen to start new enterprises.

A nation whose expenses are as large as those of the United States will be after the war must be sure that its tax system provides incentives, not penalties, for increas-

ing production and employment.

Should the debt be repaid? Some people fear that any reduction of the debt would have a deflationary effect and cause unemployment. An opposite view was expressed by Mr. Morgenthau recently: "We have a big public debt that must be paid off, and the quicker we do that the better." Both of these views are extreme. Repayment of part of the debt during a period of depression would increase unemployment. Every period of high prosperity, however, would give the government an opportunity to pay off part of the debt without limiting employment. During these periods of prosperity, business corporations will sell government bonds in order to buy equipment; and many individuals will redeem war savings bonds in order to purchase houses, automobiles, and other goods. If the government budget runs a surplus during periods of high prosperity, and if this surplus is used to retire some of the bonds sold by corporations or redeemed by individuals, the country will be protected against a disorderly and speculative rise in prices. Thus, reduction of the debt can be made a device for stabilizing our economy.

There are two other reasons why reduction of the debt will be desirable.

In the first place, it will help prepare the country financially for a possible third World War. Determined as we are that this war shall be the last one, common sense tells us not to count on this. At any rate, we must be prepared for any eventuality.

In the second place, gradual reduction of the debt would stimulate employment by creating the expectation of lower taxes. It is not generally appreciated how much the willingness of individuals and business concerns to spend money is affected by the prospects of higher or lower taxes. One of the best ways to make individuals and enterprises spend more freely is to convince them that taxes will become a little lower, year by year.

Many people have difficulty visualizing the day when there will be a substantial reduction in the burden of the national debt. And yet, if the country pursues wise economic policies, there is no reason why the debt burden should not be cut in half during the next generation.

The days of technological progress and economic expansion are not over. They are, in fact, only well begun. During the Twenties, the national income in dollars of constant purchasing power increased by well over 50 per cent. Between 1929 and 1939, it increased by less than 6 per cent. Perhaps the rate of the Twenties cannot be maintained indefinitely; but scientific research and development work in industry are laying the foundation for very large advances in national income. Suppose that the national income increases 33 per cent in the first decade after fighting stops (say hopefully, 1945), 25 per cent in the next decade, and thereafter at the rate of 20 per cent a decade. In 1955, the national income (at present prices) would be about \$173 billion; in 1965, about \$216 billion; and in 1975, about \$257 billion. By 1970, the burden of the debt would be reduced by nearly half, even if not a cent of it were repaid!

A huge public debt is a test of the character, the common sense, the foresight, and the equally important technical and engineering skill of a nation. It requires that tens of millions of small income earners be willing to become substantial 'holders of the debt. It requires that the nation be willing to tax itself heavily, but in ways which increase the attractiveness of job-giving or self-employment relative to job-holding; it requires that the nation be willing to pursue policies of expansion and to put a rising income for the nation ahead of the pleas of self-seeking groups in labor, agriculture, and industry.

A huge debt may so draw out the hidden powers of a people that it makes the nation wealthier rather than

poorer, stronger rather than weaker.

Up to now, Americans have not met the test of a big public debt too well. Individuals have saved more in cash than in government bonds, and the country has shown little interest in avoiding the kind of taxes that reduce the demand for labor. These shortcomings, I am sure, stem largely from the fact that the American people never have had the problems of debt and taxation honestly and adequately explained to them.

I have confidence in the American people. I believe that Americans have the intelligence to understand this problem of the public debt, the character to face their responsibility regarding it, and the common sense to accept

the challenge and make the most of it.





RAILS ARE LAID on sleepers for desert railway track by New Zealanders and men of Indian Corps.

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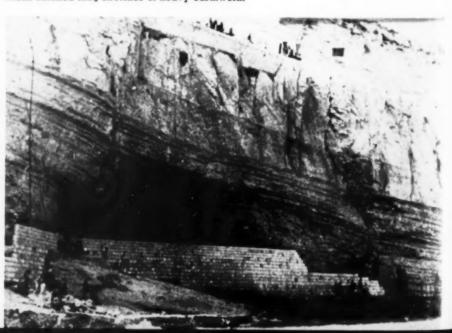


LAST LINK in the through standard-gage railroad route between London and Cairo was forged when South African and Australian military engineers—also New Zealanders during the final stages of the project—completed the Haifa-Beirut-Tripoli Railway in 1942. After the Allied occupation of Syria in July 1941, it was decided for military purposes to construct a standard gage connection along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea between Haifa and Tripoli, hitherto served only by a narrow-gage (105-cm.) railroad following a circuitous inland course.

REINFORCEMENT is constructed for 4.823-ft. tunnel through Ras Chekka headland near Tripoli.



RETAINING WALL is built on coastal section of Haifa-Beirut-Tripoli Railway, which entailed long stretches of heavy earthwork.



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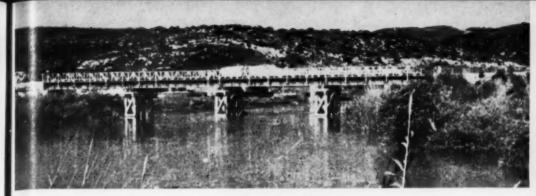
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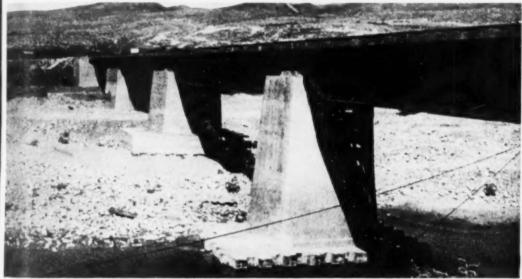


FOUR 40-FT. SPANS carry railway across Litani River, with 12x12-in, timber piting driven to between 50 and 60 ft. below bed level. Abutments are of concrete or gravel.



NAHR EL KELB BRIDGE consists of one 70-ft, through-span and two 100-ft, lattice girder through-spans.

Masonry was used throughout on superstructure as outside finish and took place of formwork for concrete cores of piers and abutments. Steelwork was erected on falsework.



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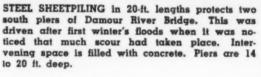
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Surveys revealed that the only route practicable in the time allowed would have to follow the coastline all the way—120 mi.—and although part of the line traversed flat cultivated country, it entailed also long stretches of heavy earthwork, rock excavation, bridging and tunnelling in negotiating rocky limestone cliffs and headlands. Some idea of the construction difficulties ahead was foreseen when the advance parties often had to resort to mountaineering methods and the use of boats in order to survey some of the headlands.

The construction of earthwork, particularly on cultivated land, was considerably hampered by the winter rains and water-logged ground. Work began with local

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COMMEMORATIVE TABLET is unveiled to celebrate completion of line. Reading it are Australian "digger" and Lebanese soldier. British Combine Photo



SILVER SPIKE is driven by GENERAL SIR HAR-OLD ALEXANDER, commander-in-chief of British Military Engineer forces, to complete Haifa-Beirut-Tripoli Railway.

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ON BEIRUT-TRIPOLI SECTION of line (below) is this Australian-built culvert. Wadi in background shows type of country through which line was laid.

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#### HOW TO HELP WIN THE VICTORY ... AND PEACE!

- Place idle equipment in essential industries
- Make your machines last by keeping them repaired
- Urge completion of plans for postwar projects
- Help plan jobs for returning service men

#### LAST NIGHT..

A BOY died last night. It doesn't make much difference now about his name. It might have been your son, your brother, your husband. The important thing is that he died, in poignant and awful loneliness out somewhere on a waste of sand, out in a starless silence, 10,000 miles from home.

"Missing in action" read an obscure line in this morning's communique. That was all. Now he lies there, a crumpled, twisted mass of flesh, that yesterday was his body. The fine head and the shining face and the broad shoulders remain only in a picture that looks out upon a quiet living-room on a shaded street an eternity away.

Last night, in those agonizing hours of unspeakable isolation. he went through a thousand deaths without the one thing that might have helped a little — the sound of a familiar voice, the pat of a friendly hand. Many people died last night in their beds at home, surrounded by those who cared. Last night he died in utter desolation in an unimaginable loneliness.

The pain was terrible enough. But then there had to be that dreadful burden of thought in those endless last hours. Mom and Pop. The flowers blooming again in the backyard. The good old roadster in the driveway. That last sweetheart kiss at the station. Those dances last summer. That half-finished letter in his blouse. All those plans for the future. Couldn't somebody find him, please? The wracking pain again.

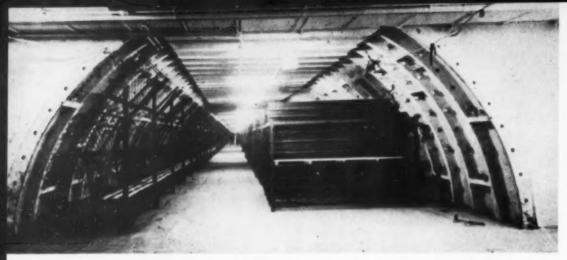
Too much for you, all this? But it really happened last night, just like that. It's going to happen a thousand times — ten thousand times, and perhaps a million times in the nights to come. If people could only understand it. If they would just grind deep into their thinking the stark, terrible reality of it, every petty, selfish interest would be swept away. They would sacrifice anything and everything just to make themselves worthy of that boy.

He died last night, you see. There's no way to get around that.

- John H. Hoagland in the Louisville Courier-Journal

Donate your blood ... Buy and keep War Bonds ... Turn in scrap metal ... Save waste paper ... Never pay over ceiling prices!

ALLIS-CHALMERS



UPPER AND LOWER floors (above and below) of deep tunnel shelter are equipped with benches and sleeping bunks and are well lighted and ventilated.



# Tunnel Shelters FOR AIR-RAID PROTECTION Will Serve as Post-War Subway Tubes

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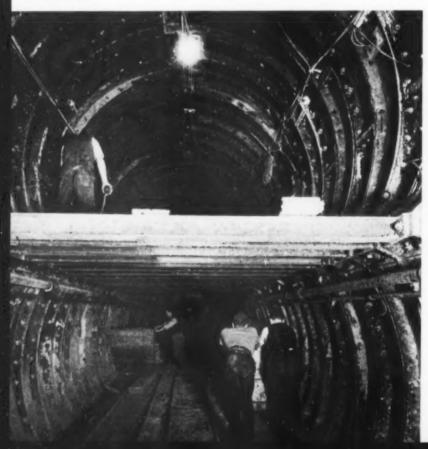
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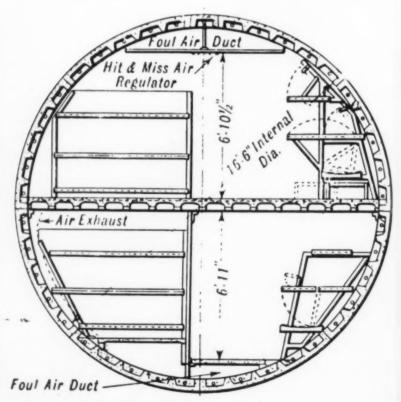
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shelter for British civilians for the duration of the war and express subway tubes after hostilities end—eight sections of 16½-ft. dia. tunnel, each from 1,200 to 1,400 ft. long, have been built from the bottoms of shafts deep below the street surface alongside existing stations of London's undergound railway system. These tunnel shelters, which are lined for the

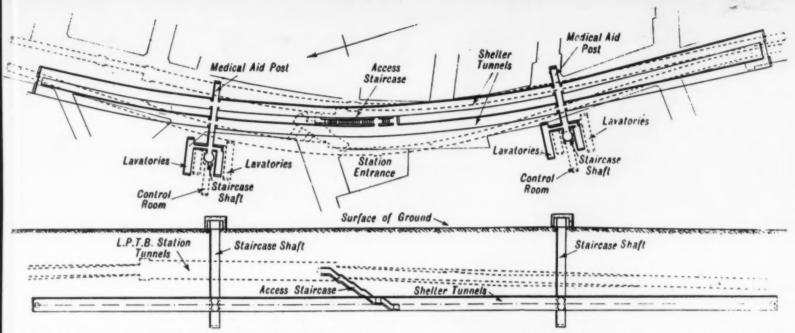
DOUBLE DECKER TYPE of construction (below) is lined with segmental metal rings bolted together. Transverse beams at mid-section provide support for upper floor.

CROSS-SECTION OF TUNNEL SHELTER 16½ ft. in internal diameter (below) shows segmental precast concrete block lining and floor at center of bore.





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TYPICAL PLAN AND CROSS-SECTION of one of the eight London tunnel shelters which are from 1,200 to 1,400 ft. long and are driven from shafts near

most part with rings of segmental precast concrete blocks, provide almost complete protection from enemy air attack and are equipped with ventilation, sleeping, feeding and sanitary facilities for many thousands of people. After the war the tunnel shelters will be incorporated

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in the proposed north-south express tubes to be constructed parallel to the existing lines of London's underground railways.

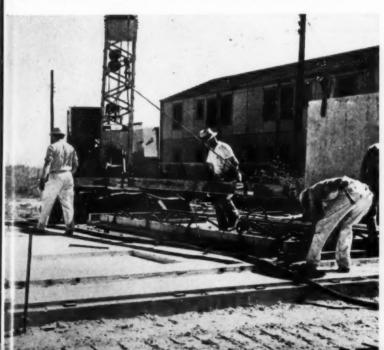
The greater part of London's extensive underground railway system is at least 30 yr. old. Construction costs of the few extensions built in recent years have been nearly four times greater than the original costs, both for labor and material. It is this factor which has hindered the extension of a transport system otherwise suitable for a city in which obstacles in the way of new traffic arteries (Continued on page 142)

### Precast Concrete Walls With Prestressed Reinforcing Rods Used for Housing

HOMES FOR SHIPYARD WORKERS at the U. S. Maritime Commission's housing project in Tampa, Fla., have been built with precast vacuum-processed concrete wall sections, reinforced with prestressed steel rods. The 2½-in.-thick walls were precast two at a time on canvas stretched over the concrete floor of each one-story house. Edge forms of 2½-in. angle iron were put in to define the shape of the

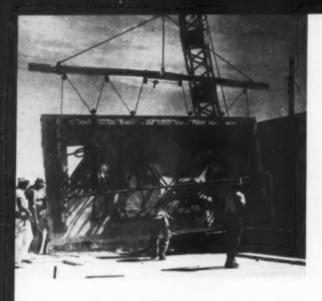
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VACUUM CUPS (below) built into T-beams and attached to lifting lines from nawler crane are placed on flat surface of precast concrete wall section at renly spaced points along its length to permit lifting without strain.



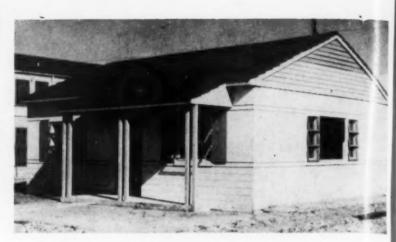
CANVAS (below) on which concrete was cast is still in place as wall is raised to vertical position.





CRAWLER CRANE (left) lifts precast concrete wall section into vertical position.

SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING (right) is completed by precast method. Note precast method. Note shallow, horizontal rustication lines which were cast in wall to enhance exterior appearance.



walls and the door and window openings. Shallow horizontal rustications were cast in the wall face to enhance the exterior appearance.

Reinforcing steel consisted of %-in. smooth round rods. After curing for 4 days, the wall sections were lifted into a vertical position with a crawler crane. Lifting lines were attached by means of

a row of vacuum cups built into T-beams. These cups gripped the flat surface of the wall at evenly spaced points along its length, permitting lifting without straining any part of the wall.

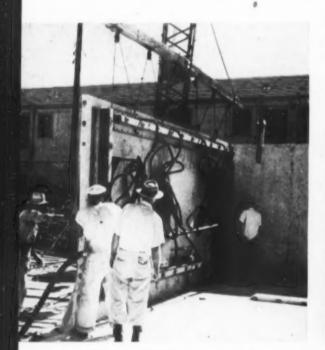
A ½-in.-thick layer of concrete, 1 part white portland cement and 2 parts sand, was first spread on the canvas. On this a 2-in. layer of 1:2:3 concrete, made with

normal portland cement and 5/s-in. gravel, was placed before the bottom layer had set.

The reinforcing rods were prestressed shortly before the walls were lifted into vertical position. Bars threaded at each end were coated with a thermoplastic material and placed in the usual manner. After the concrete hardened, low-voltage current was passed through the reinforcing bars to heat them to about 250 deg. F. above the temperature of the surrounding material. The nuts at the threaded ends were taken up a computed amount. Cooling of the thermoplastic restored the concrete bond. Patents on vacuum concrete and electric prestressing of reinforcing rods are held by Vacuum Concrete, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa.

In some of the houses ends of walls were mitered, grouted together and secured with angle irons. In others, corners were cast together in forms. Interior walls were finished with wall board nailed to furring strips which were placed on the top face of the wall section just after the concrete was vacuumprocessed. Flooring is asphalt tile over concrete subfloor.

Construction was directed by H. T. Underwood, architect and chief of housing for the Gulf Coast Regional Office of the U.S. Maritime Commission at New Orleans, La. Plans were prepared by Leo Elliott, Tampa. Contractor was J. A. Jones Construction Co., of Charlotte, N.C.





PRECAST CONCRETE WALL is swung into position next to adjoining section and corners (right) are bolted.

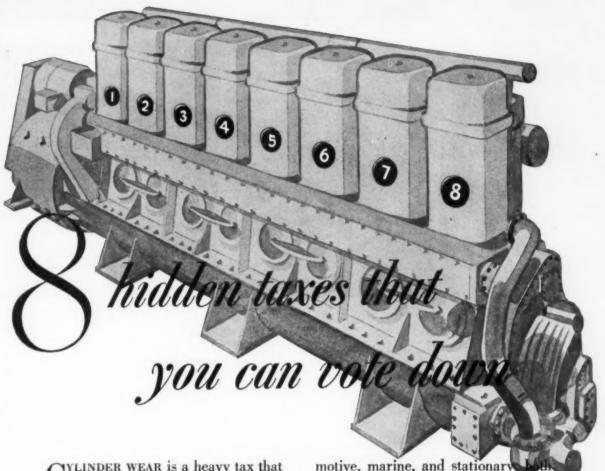
after wall is in place.

VACUUM ATTACHMENTS (below) are removed TWO WALL SECTIONS (below) are up, while another is still flat on floor.





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#### Present and Accounted For PA



ELECTED PRESIDENT Branch, Associated General Contractors, is C. P. STREET, of Charlotte, N. C. He took office at organization's annual meeting at Pinehurst, which featured postwar planning for public construction.



INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT of Society of American Military Engineers is VICE ADMIRAL RANDOLPH WAESCHE, commandant of U.S. Coast Guard, who succeeded Frederick H. Fowler, chief consulting engineer in office of Chief of Engineers. U. S. Army. Society now has 25,907 members.

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SERVING SECOND TERM as president of Associated General Contractors of Minnesota is W. M. CEDERSTRAND (left), who was reelected at organization's 25th anniversary meeting. He is presidenttreasurer of August Cederstrand Co., of Minneapolis.



HEADING MOUNTAIN PACIFIC CHAPTER, Asso ciated General Contractors of America, is E. J. WHITE (right). Member of firm of MacRae Bros., of Seattle, Wash., he has been active in heavy construction work in Pacific Northwest for last 8 yr.

NEW PRESIDENT of Central Branch (lowa), Associated General Contractors, is E. B. SPENCER (below), head of E. B. Spencer Construction Co. of Waterloo, which is engaged in sewer and water-weeks construction in Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska and has completed two war projects.

PLANNING COMMITTEE of American Public Works

Association is headed by MICHAEL BAKER, JR.
(below), of The Baker Engineers, Rochester, Pa,
which is now doing engineering design and
survey work on \$20,000,000 Penn-Lincoln Parkway

in Blackward.

MEW PRESIDENT of Metropolitan Section (New
York), American Society of Civil Engineers, is
willLIAM McK. GRIFFIN (below), deputy chief
engineer, New York City Tunnel Authority. Mr.
Griffin served as assistant engineer on construction
of East Black tunnels of Pennsylvania R.R.

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#### or PAGE OF PERSONALITIES



ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE is pinned on COLONEL C. H. BONESTEEL (right) of U. S. Army Engineers by GENERAL SIR BERNARD MONTGOMERY. Colonel Bonesteel was decorated for distinguished services in Tunisian campaign. British Combine Photo

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AWARDS OF MERIT are presented to two U.S. Bureau of Reclamation assistant engineers who developed improved process for coloring maps. Here R. S. CALLAND (left), assistant regional director at Sacramento, presents award to ALSTON R. ZRYD, while JOHN A. GILMONT receives his from CHARLES E. CAREY (right), regional director.



BOEING FIELD IMPROVEMENTS, which will cost \$1,644.658, were begun at Seattle, Wash., July 4 by N. Fiorito Co., local contracting firm. Members of firm are shown (right) with MAJOR LEONARD BINDON, C. E., assistant chief operations division, Seattle Engineer District, U. S. Army. They are (left to right): DAN FIORITO, MAJOR BINDON, N. FIORITO, and PAUL FIORITO.

APPOINTED DIRECTOR of Construction Division, Petroleum Administration for War, is GEORGE GIBSON (left), former assistant director. Before joining PAW staff in 1941 as refinery materials expert, he was refinery technologist and consultant of Hancock Oil Co. in Long Beach,



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DIRECTING ACTIVITIES (below) of The Producers' Council, Inc., are (left to right): DOUGLAS WHITLOCK, of Structural Clay Products Institute, Washington, D. C., president: J. W. FOLLIN, managing director; and RUSSELL G. CREVI STON, of Crane Co., Chicago, general chairman, Post-War Committee. Head-quarters for this organization of manufacturers of building materials and equipment are at Washington.









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#### AUGUST, 1944 REVIEW of Construction Machinery and Materials

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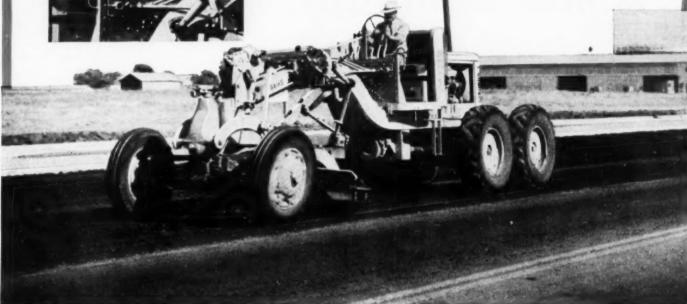


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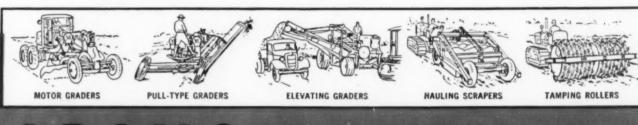
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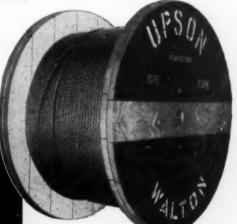


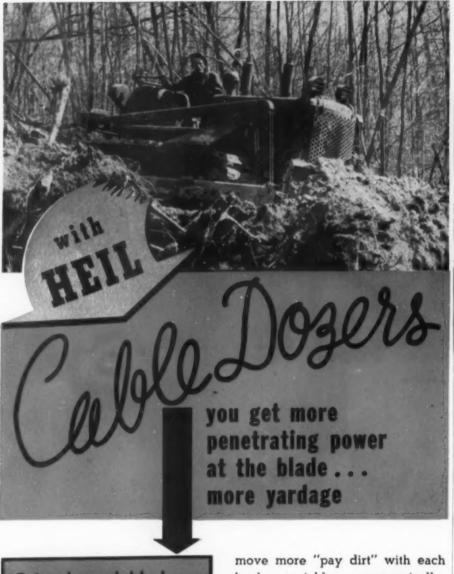
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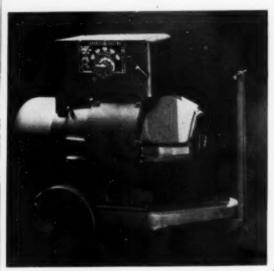
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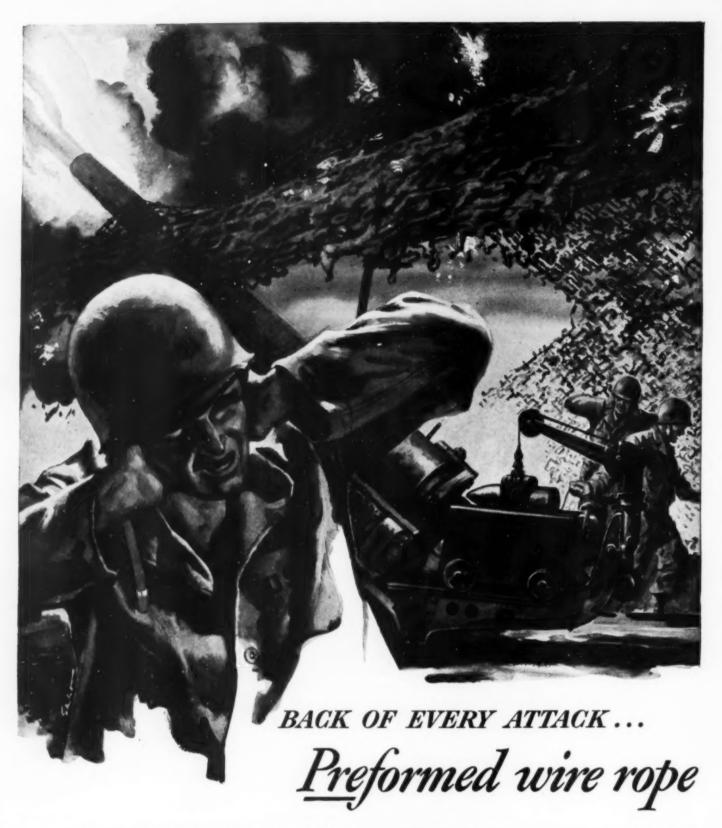
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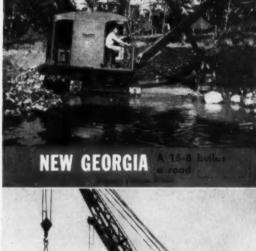




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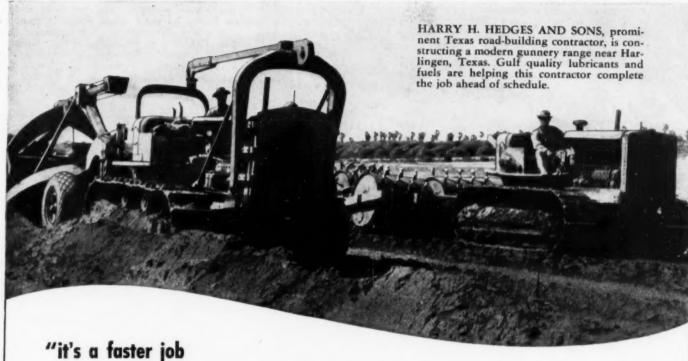
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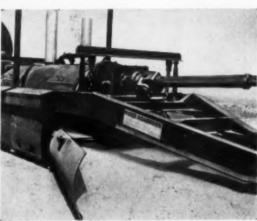


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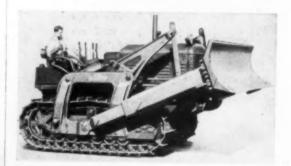
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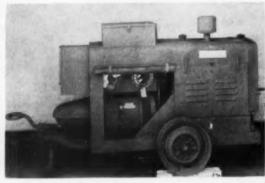
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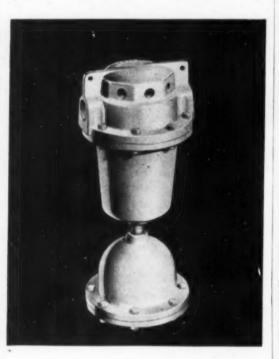
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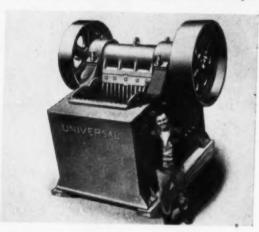
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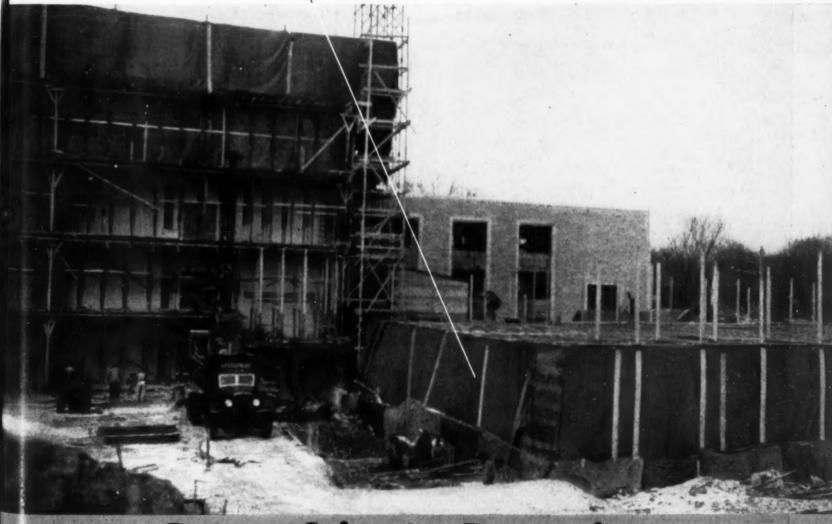
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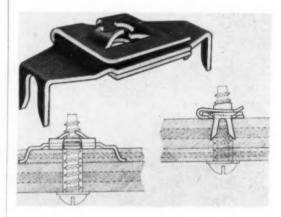
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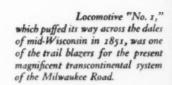


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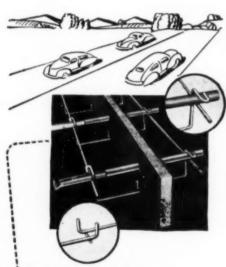
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### Maintaining Compressors at Peak Operating Capacity

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in replacement parts, and with wartime requirements demanding that compressors be kept at peak operating capacity even when subjected to long periods of uninterrupted service, it is important that plant maintenance engineers follow certain fundamentals that apply to the care and maintenance of compressor units.

The following suggestions are therefore summarized for the purpose of assuring the most efficient performance of large compressors regardless of the type of service they are rendering.

#### Lubrication

Minimum wear of moving parts can be assured by using the proper grade of lubricating oil. Too much oil, even of the best grade, will eventually gum up piston rings and cause them to stick in the grooves, thus reducing the capacity of the compressor due to piston ring leakage. Excessive wear on the cylinder walls may also result because the wire-drawing of the gases between the piston and cylinder wall will blow off the lubricating film and permit a metal-to-metal contact. The excessive oil will also collect on the discharge valves and will carbonize on the hot seats, permitting the valves to leak. Insufficient lubrication will naturally cause wear on piston rings, piston and compressor cylinder.

While there are no hard and set rules governing the lubrication of compressor cylinders, each operator should set up his own standard to apply to individual requirements, the basis of which depends upon the gas that is being compressed and the nature of the oil being used. For example, when gases containing gasoline vapor or a large percentage of the hydrocarbons are being compressed, a lubricant that is insoluble in the gas should be used. Such lubricant may be a soap solution, castor oil, or a blend of castor and petroleum oil.

It is good practice to remove a cylinder head occasionally to check the condition of the cylinder wall and make sure the cylinder is receiving the proper amount of lubrication.

#### Valves

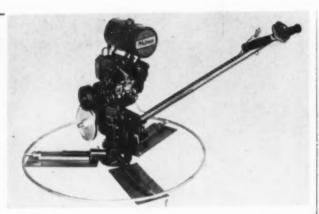
All compressor valves, whether plate or poppet type, should be thoroughly overhauled so that the valves will close tightly when installed in the cylinder (Continued on page 120)



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body. A leaking valve soon heats the valve and its surrounding area to a temperature considerably higher than the operating temperature for which the unit was designed. Excessive heat thus generated will warp the plates of the plate valves, resulting in even greater leakage or, in case of a poppet type valve, will cut and destroy the valve seat and face.

#### Piston Rings

Rings should be free in the ring grooves but should not have excessive play. Each ring should be fitted individually to the compressor cylinder bore so that expansion of the ring under normal heat will not butt the ends together and force the ring out against the cylinder wall to cause undue wear.

#### Cooling Water

Compressor cylinder jackets should be kept clean and free from scale. The water used to cool compressor cylinders should be of a composition that will prevent excessive scaling in the jackets at the normal operating temperature of the compressor. All foreign matter such as mud, grit and similar substances should be removed from the water before it is circulated through the compressor cylinder jackets. The amount of water, how-ever, should be so regulated that the cylinder jacket and liner are not cooled to an abnormally low temperature as this condition will decrease the clearance between the hot compressor piston and the cylinder wall, thus inducing a sticky piston. A temperature differential of about 20 deg. F. should be maintained between the incoming and outcoming water. If the incoming water is too cold it should be corrected by bringing the temperature to at least 70 deg. F.

#### Loading

Under today's conditions, when restrictions hold up delivery of replacement parts or make them unobtainable in some nstances, cylinders may occasionally have to be used for pressures exceeding those for which they were designed. In such cases, extreme care should be exercised to keep the working pressure at or below that stipulated by the manufacturer of the cylinder. If the cylinder is to be used for pressures other than those for which it was intended, it is good policy to consult the manufacturer for his opinion as based on the changed operation conditions. Such practice will avoid damage to either the compressor or the mechanism which drives it.

#### Compression Ratios

Compression ratios should be kept as low as possible to prevent overheating compressor cylinders. While overheating (Continued on page 122)

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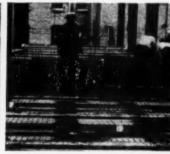
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may not always damage the compressor cylinder, it might result in a temperature higher than the flash point of the lubricating oil, in which case fires or explosion may occur, particularly in compressors operating on air.

Overheated conditions also lead to excessive carbon deposits in piston ring grooves and valves. A high ratio of compression in a compressor built for a low compression ratio, may also overload the piston rod and running gear.

#### Cleanliness

As with any fine piece of machinery, the compressor should not only be kept clean but the operator should take steps to be sure the gas being compressed is as clean as practicable. Gases containing dust or other abrasives will soon wear the compressor piston rods, rings and cylinder walls to such an extent that the compressor will require reboring and complete overhauling long before the normal time set for such operations.

#### Corrosion

If the gas to be compressed contains any of the corrosive gases such as hydrogen sulfide, the manufacturer should be consulted for his opinion as to whether the compressor can be operated satisfactorily for such service. Many times a few minor changes will render a standard compressor suitable for compressing highly corrosive types of gases.

Careful attention to the foregoing simple but important details will help greatly to assure peak operating capacity of compressor installations with a minimum of maintenance time and cost.

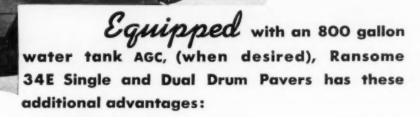
## Installation and Care of Synthetic Rubber Tubes

WITH INTRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER TUBES for automobile tires, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company announced today a list of directions and precautions to be followed in placing the tubes in use.

Although the synthetic rubber tubes will serve generally as well as prewar natural rubber tubes, Goodyear pointed out that the former present several new problems. For instance, because synthetic rubber is not as elastic as natural rubber, it is subject to base splitting if caught even temporarily under a bead and sub-

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These are the Goodyear recommendations for mounting synthetic rubber tubes in all passenger automobile tires:

- (1) Inflate the tube about three-quarters full or to the point where it starts to round out. Then insert the tube in the casing.
- (2) When the tube is inside the tire, paint both tire beads and base of the tube with a thin soap-and-water solution, made with high-grade soap flakes.
- (3) Mount the tire on the rim and adjust to centered position so that the beads are out of the rim well.
- (4) Inflate the tube to seat the tire beads firmly against the rim flanges. Then remove the valve core, deflate the tube completely, replace the valve core and re-inflate to operating pressure.

Ammerman warned that punctured or damaged tubes should be vulcanized instead of attempting to repair them with the cold patches which were conventional for natural rubber tubes.



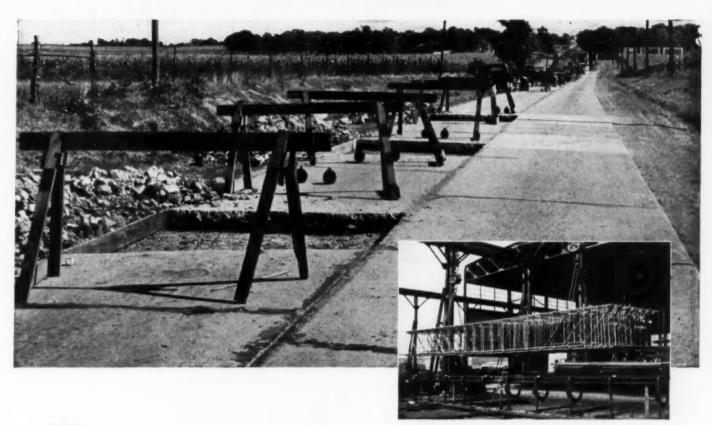
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CENTRALIZED LUBRICATION SYSTEMS-The Farval Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio. (16 pp., illustrated) Graphic portrayal of the theory and practice of mechanical lubrication. Opens with a study of machinery lubrication problem and of the economies inherent in system which delivers lubrication to all bearings in exact measured amounts regardless of location. This information is faced by close-up illustration of Parval manual dual-line system at work. Six cutaway drawings in color show how Farval measuring valve operates to deliver measured amount of lubricant and why it can do this without recourse to springs, check valves or small ports. Construction and operation of both manual and automatic pumping units, which provide high pressure source of lubricant supply, are similarly treated. Center spread is devoted to the mechanics of positive mechanical lubrication, and 24 application photographs suggest methods of locating and mounting pumping units and feed lines on different kinds of ma-



WIRE ROPE SHEARS-Watson-Stillman Co., Roselle, N. J. (8 pp., illustrated) Third edition of bulletin describing improved features of hydraulic and hand shears for cutting commercial grade wire rope, flat bars, round bars and varying shapes and metals. Shears are of two types, hand and hydraulic. Hand shear produces clean, fast-cutting with power and ease, weight of shear body being distributed to get perfect balance be-tween maximum cutting strength and minimum manual effort. Hydraulic shear is supplied for bench mounting and also for use on small portable truck. Ram has rack and pinion device for bringing blade to work without labor of pumping. Pump used only for actual shearing operation. Bulletin lists specifications, capacities, spare parts



HEAVY MACHINERY INSTALLATION-Eichlegy Engineering Corp., 33 South 19th St., Pittsburgh, Pa. (12 pp., illustrated) Outlines company's facilities for moving and installing heavy machinery without interfering with regular work of plant employees or shop routine. Among typical in-stallations illustrated are 60-ton towers at synthetic rubber plant, heavy steam hammers, forging presses, elevated water tanks, turbo-generator, electric arc furnace, cement kiln, overhead traveling crane and blast furnace.

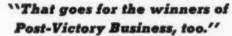


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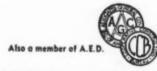
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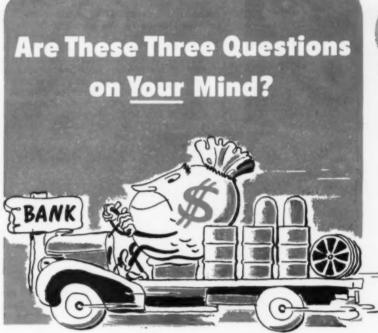


POST-WAR EQUIPMENT BUYING—R. G. LeTourneau. Inc., Peoria, Ill. (12 pp., illustrated) Entitled "A Guide for Your Post-War Equipment Buying," this bulletin answers five "pocketbook" questions which, company claims, every post-war equipment buyer must ask himself, by quoting record number of LeTourneau products manufactured in the last decade alone, by presenting job notes and photographs of fleet owners in all 48 states, by proving LeTourneau's personnel has risen from "catskinner" ranks and knows exact field requirements, by showing that earthmoving machinery manufacture is the company's only activity, and by linking 17 revolutionary job-proved "firsts" introduced to the earthmoving and construction industry.



OXYACETYLENE HANDBOOK—The Linde Air Products Co., 30 East 42 St., New York, N. Y. (587 pp., illustrated, price \$1.50) Comprehensive and authoritative textbook on basic oxyacetylene welding and cutting procedures. This new, durably bound manual covers the entire range of the oxyacetylene process, giving clear, easy-to-follow instructions for handling all the common commercial metals, together with simple explanations of the fundamental principles of the various methods of depositing and controlling molten metal. Considerable space is devoted to an explanation of the operating principles of oxyacetylene equipment and instructions for its care and maintenance. This is a how-to-do-it book. A few of the many subjects covered are: How to set up, operate, and care for oxyacetylene apparatus; what flame adjustment to use and how to use it; how to weld steel, cast iron and other metals; how to do heating, bronze-surfacing, hard-facing, flame-hardening; how to cut steel, cast iron, stainless steel; how to test welds; how to organize and lay out a welding shop.

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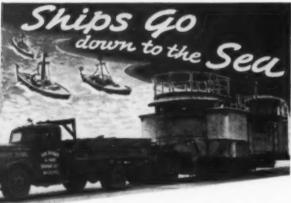
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PRESSED PLATE SECTIONS—Fort Pitt Bridge Works. Pittsburgh, Pa. (4-p. folder) Describes 36-ft. hydraulic press which presses plates to accurate dimensions in one operation in any length up to 36 ft. or even longer. In addition a wide variety of special shapes can be pressed accurately. Using this press, sections formerly built up by welding can now be designed and pressed from plates up to more than 6 ft.x¾ in. thick, producing an accurate, finished product. In addition, load carrying plates which formerly required stiffeners can be pressed into load carrying shapes with a saving in weight as well as in fabrication.

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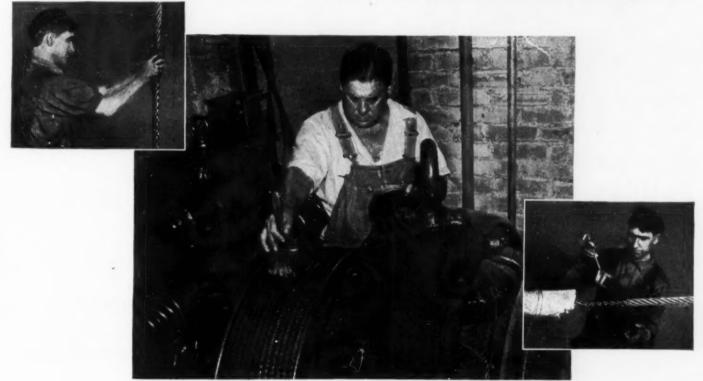
INDUSTRIAL RUBBER CLOTHING—The B. F. Goodrich Co.. Akron, Ohio. (4 pp., illustrated) Catalog section describes and illustrates recently introduced line of rainwear and protective garments for industrial needs, including fire coat, general purpose work coat, double back industrial coat, and standard police coat. Also gives details on universal work pants and jacket, workers' leggings, work 'n weather hats and aprons covered with a resin originally designed for laboratory use but now widely used in the mechanical and food industries.

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PROJECTIVE MAINTENANCE - Calcium Chloride Association, 4145 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, 26, Mich. (8 pp. illustrated) Highway maintenance can be long lasting rather than only sustaining is the view expressed in this new bulletin which points out ways in which calcium chloride can be used from the subsoil to the surface in operations that will result in lasting benefits. Maintenance methods suggested: Post-hole treatment of frost heaving areas as corrective treatment for subarades addition of stabilized aggregates for strengthening of base courses; (3) conservation of surface materials through additions of binder soil and calcium chloride treatments; (4) widening of paved roads which are too narrow for increased traffic load by construction of stabilized shoulders. Lost part of bulletin deals with expediting patching of concrete pavements by use of calcium chloride in concrete mixes for earlier strength and reopening-

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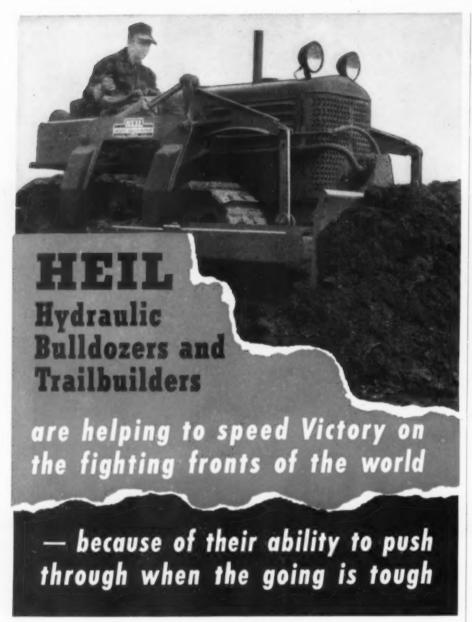
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CONCRETE BINS AND TANKS—The Nicholson Co., Inc., 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. (32 pp., illustrated) Describes methods and equipment for building concrete bins and tanks by the sliding form, continuous pour method perfected by the Nicholson Co. and applied in twenty-four different industries. In building structures by the slip-form method, a single ring of formwork, 4 ft. high, is continuously forced up over the freshly set concrete by screw jacks. The company designs and builds projects under a single contract.

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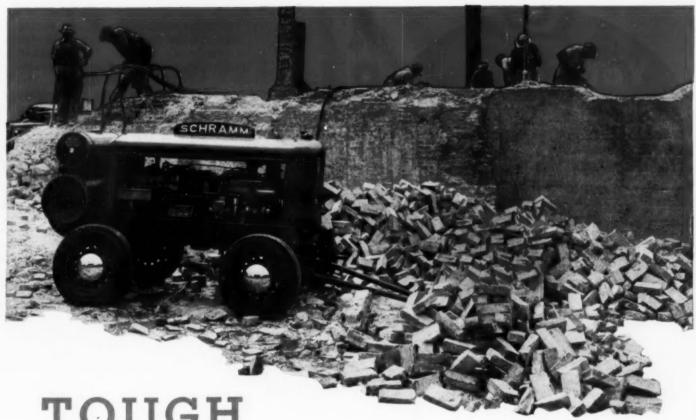
to raise normal high water to the status of flash floods, so excavation included a high percentage of drainage control and finish grading, including channel changes, revetments, diversion dikes, and diversion ditches.

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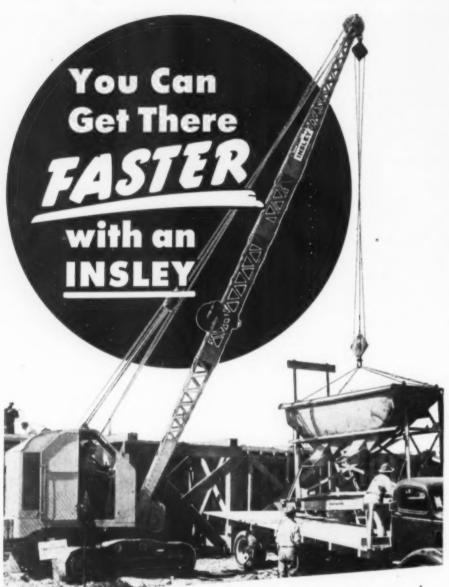
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(Continued from page 132) struct on steep hillsides, the contractors built a large plow, mounted on a standard LeTourneau rooter. Caterpillar-drawn and operated, it produced approximately 3 mi. of ditch per 8-hr. shift. The low center of gravity of this equipment made it easy to keep ditches straight on any terrain. Only a small amount of cleaning out after the plow was necessary at buildings and in most cases none was done, allowing natural erosion to do the cleaning.

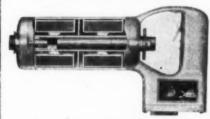
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For speed and economy magazine floors were poured ahead of superstructures. For winter protection, laminated-arch ribs were built to support tarpaulin covers. The ribs were job-fabricated of 6 plies of 1x4-ft. boards spaced with 2x4-ft. blocks between plies. Radius was produced accurately without processing or preforming. Half-segment arches were formed around stakes and nailed together. The resulting units were easily erected and transported and the cost returned many fold by maintaining steady high volume, regardless of weather. After construction usage, the arches were enlarged by extending several feet on tangent, placed 2 ft. on centers, sheathed and roofed to form permanent storage

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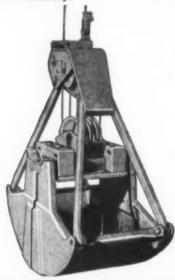


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joints into four sections. Enough forms were provided for one complete section, giving eight form uses on the two buildings, but maintaining a full daily pouring schedule. Side bays were poured first, alternate sides on consecutive days, moving forward. This progression permitted placing crawler cranes in the center bay for hoisting concrete to floor hoppers. Placement by buggies thus progressed up the roof slope, with the load wheeled downhill. High-early-strength concrete allowed stripping of forms after 72 hr. Stripping and moving required 3 shifts and the complete form cycle was 10 days. After construction, the trusses were utilized to construct three permanent storage sheds for trucks and buses.

#### Personnel

In charge of the first stage of the job were Capt. W. B. Short, U.S.N. officerin-charge of construction; T. L. Jacobi, chief engineer for R. B. Moore & Co.; and C. L. Ohl, general superintendent for Maxon Construction Co., Inc., Dayton, Ohio, of which George W. Maxon is president. So well did they organize that, by the time the depot was one-third completed, they were able to divide the forces and proceed with the construction of a similar depot in another midwest state. Succeeding them were Lt. Comdr. G. H. Carrithers, U.S.N.R., officer-in-charge of construction: J. K. Grannis, general superintendent; and L. H. Harter, chief engineer. The first two have since been succeeded by Lt. A. P. Pasquariello, U.S.N.R., and A. C. Alt, general superintendent.

## Engineer Equipment

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work. The American 60-in, anti-aircraft searchlight, illustrated herewith, throws an 800,000,000-candlepower beam and is used to spot both low and high-flying targets. It is served by a gasoline-driven, portable electric generator. One of its features is a steel mirror reflector developed by the Corps of Engineers. Tests have shown that the reflecting mirror

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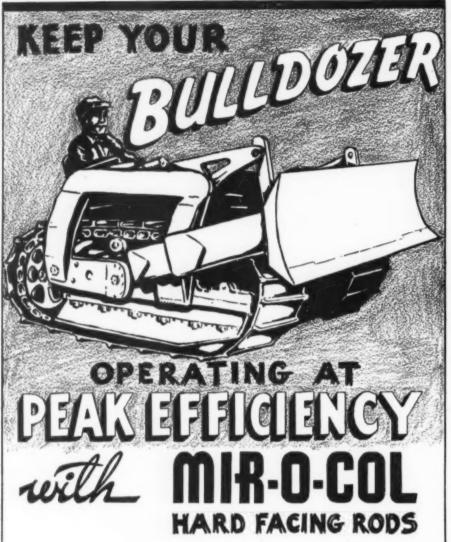
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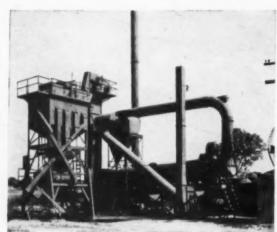
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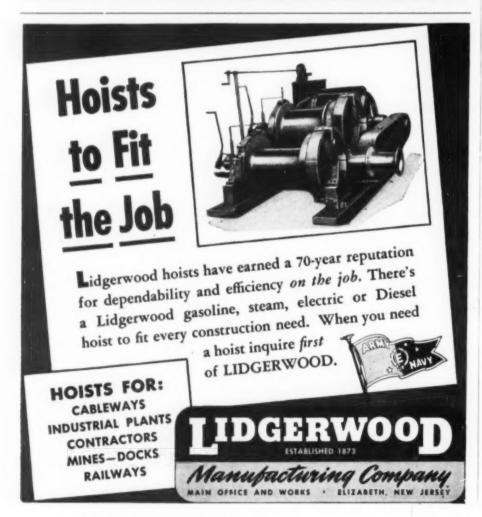


Compactness and a substantial increase in dryer capacity and efficiency are among the results accomplished by refinements in design in this recently completed H & B Portable (PA-30) Asphalt Plant. A larger fan is used, and the duct system from the dryer to the dust collector and from dust collector to the exhaustor has been redesigned. The new horizontal cyclone dust collector is more compact and efficient. The exhaust fan, motor which drives the dryer, and the speed reducer are combined in one completely assembled unit which is mounted on a separate platform. This decreases length of the dryer unit and greatly facilitates handling. A new type of screen reduces the overall height of the plant considerably, without reducing the bin capacity.

Further information concerning this plant will be furnished on request.

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## Palm Leaf Panels

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troop shelter structures in Pacific war theaters is the roof covering, consisting of ivory palm leaves made up into panels. as illustrated. The long leaves, while still green and easily bent, are wrapped around rods of bamboo or other available wood and "stitched" together by interweaving with long, thin slivers of wood or ribs of palm fronds, which readily puncture the green leaves and bind them into a large size roofing unit. In final form the panels resemble, in principle, a fabric drapery hung over a curtain pole. The palm leaf panels, thus prefabricated, are fastened to the rafters of the roof and the studs of the sidewalls like large-size shingles. Work is started with a band of panels along the lower edge of the sloping roof. Successive bands are placed to overlap the ones below them and thus provide a leak-proof roof covering.

An unusual feature of the operation of sawmills to process into dimension lumber the logs obtained by felling trees in the locality is the application of standard army mine detectors to the logs before cutting. Trees near the sites of camps where buildings are to be erected have usually been subjected to heavy bombing and artillery fire both by our own and enemy forces and often have embedded in them steel shell fragments which would break the teeth of the circular saws used to cut them up. By going over a log with a mine detector before cutting it up, the presence of metal fragments in the wood is disclosed, the fragments can be removed, and casualties to circular saw blades are thus reduced.

## London Shelters

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on the surface are great. It had been evident for some time that additional underground facilities from north to south in Inner London would be of great public value. The proposals outlined were for an "express" tube, to be constructed parallel to the existing lines, which would thus be relieved of the longer distance.

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# TYPICAL DIESEL LUBRICATION PROBLEMS:

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#### 3. Ring-Sticking

Ring-sticking usually results from deposits formed by the combination of the residues of oxidized lubrication oil and fuel with fuel soot.

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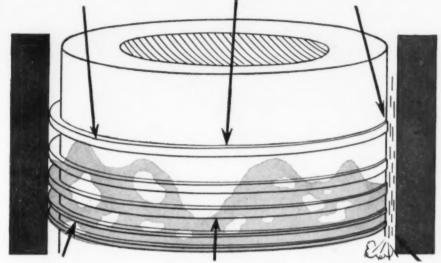
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#### **HOW RING-STICKING OCCURS**

Decomposition products of fuel and lubricating oil deposit in ring groove, behind ring and in side-clearance space. Rings stick in grooves, no longer expanding to form tight seal between piston and cylinder wall. With seal broken, hot, high pressure gases "blow-by" stuck ring.



Escape of gases reduces compression, overheats piston, increases oil deterioration.

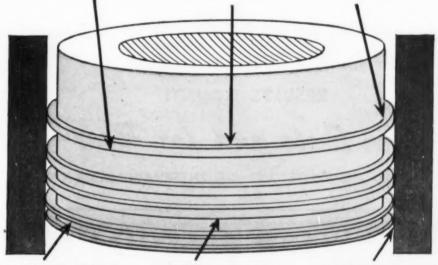
Blow-by pressure removes lubricating oil from rings and cylinder, leaving dry spots.

Lack of lubrication results in high ring and liner wear and scratching.

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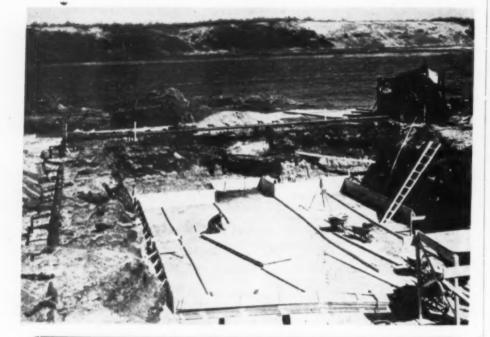
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or through traffic, in at least the inner zones.

Construction of the tunnel shelters was directed by the London Passenger Transport Board, the civil authority which administers the existing underground railways. The order for their construction, as part of the air-raid shelter project, was placed by Britain's Ministry of Home Security. By this cooperation, although the decision for construction of the tubes was not taken until December, 1940, construction proceeded with the least delay and the shelters have, for a long time, been available as a place of maximum security.

Shelters consist of two parallel tubes, each 1,200 to 1,400 ft. in length, and 16½ ft. in diameter. For the purpose of the shelter, the tunnels have been given two floors, one at the bottom, and the other slightly above the center of the tube. There is thus adequate headroom, about 6 ft. 10 in., and air space on each floor. The shelters have full ventilation, sanitation, medical aid posts, canteens, and three separate telephone systems. All the shelters have five exits to the streets.

Five experienced tunnel contractors began work simultaneously. Shafts, eventually used to house the access staircases, were sunk through clay to the required level. These shafts are 16½ ft. in diameter, and are lined with cast-iron segmental rings. The tunnels themselves, however, are mostly lined with similar rings of reinforced concrete. From the bottom of the access shafts, the shelter tunnels were driven in a horizontal direction.

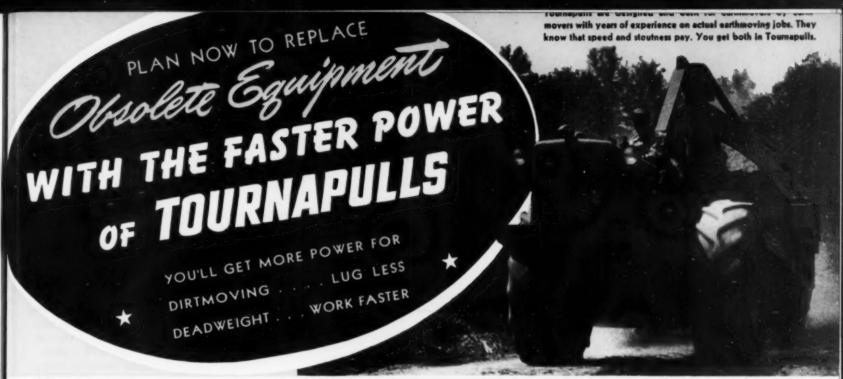
The bulk of the excavation was done by hand labor with compressed air tools. The erection of the tunnel lining followed close on excavation. As soon as every two lining rings had been erected, the annular space between the outside of the lining and the clay was grouted solid. The gang at the clay face usually consisted of one leading miner, two other miners and four laborers. On this basis, the maximum rate of progress was about two rings, or 40 in., per shift. It was later found possible to extemporize primitive shields, and progress reached a maximum of 12 rings or 20 ft. per day.

Electric power for lighting, ventilation, cooking, and sanitary services is provided from two separate sources—the L.P.T.B.'s railway mains and from the local public supply.

#### Ventilation

The ventilation of these deep shelters demanded careful planning. In summer weather, it was to be expected that the "natural temperature" of the shelters—made up by animal heat and the lighting

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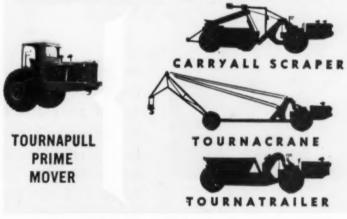
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load, added to the naturally high temperature of the intake air—would be high. A uniform system of ventilation was adopted for all eight shelters. Fresh air is taken from suitably reinforced "pill-boxes" on the surface. Vitiated air is extracted by exhaust ducts in the roofs of each tier of shelters.

The dual power supply and the fact that ventilating fans are installed in two widely separated pairs, gives good protection against complete failure of the ventilating system, whether accidental or resulting from enemy action. Tests carried out in the tunnels indicate, moreover, that tolerable conditions can be maintained with only one fan in operation. Even if a complete failure were experienced, the deterioration of the air in the tunnels would take place slowly enough to provide ample time for the transfer of the occupants to other shelters.

The presence of these large new ventilating plants, situated along the most densely used inner sections of the railways, should result in a considerable improvement of air conditions in the tubes when converted to railway service after the war. Extensions and alterations to undergound railways are peculiarly diffi
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cult things to carry out. In the inner London area, for example, traffic ceases for only about 5 of the 24 hr.

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# Scrapers

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along the steep face. Excavation of the slope to the bench was a fairly simple process because of the soft materials encountered. A 12-percent grade roadway open at the east end was then constructed by bulldozers and scrapers up to the bench, to facilitate digging operations and to provide a roadway to the bench for future cleaning.

Traffic conditions precluded anything but the lightest blasting of stubborn rock. Practically all the rock removing work is done with a 7-ton Wooldridge ripper plow provided with two teeth and hauled by a Caterpillar D-8 tractor. It is swung out to the edge of the cut to uproot the earth and boulders. Large rocks are quickly snubbed with a steel cable and then pulled back by tractors to where they can be picked up by the scrapers. Four 22-yd. Wooldridge scrapers also powered by D-8 Caterpillar tractors, are in constant operation. Standing by are two Lorain shovels of \(^4-yd\), to 1\(^1/2-yd\). capacity to aid in the excavation when the going gets too tough for the scrapers. The contractors expect to employ these on only one fifth of the work.

Throughout the excavating, motor traffic continues along the much traveled highway, except for short interruptions of perhaps 3- or 4-min. periods. Only three flagmen are necessary. One stationed on top at the point of operation and one at each side of the cut. When the traffic begins to pile up, work along the edge is halted and transportation is allowed to continue until thinned.

Because of the necessity of confining the work to one locality at a time, only 20 highly trained men are employed on each of two 8-hr. shifts. Work on all three cuts is to be completed sometime in December.

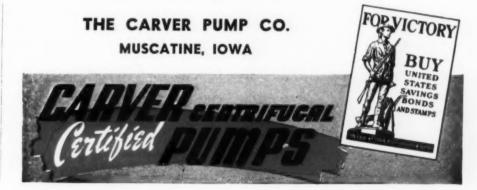
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# Standard-Gage Railroad

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civilians using hand baskets and donkey panniers until mechanical plant became available; but lack of dump-trucks necessitated excavated material being spoiled at the tops of cuts and the fill for embankments being obtained from borrow pits.

Difficult rock excavation was encountered on the actual coastline, and at Maameltein Headland alone a quantity of 35,000 cu. yd. had to be excavated wholly in limestone rock and removed by hand.

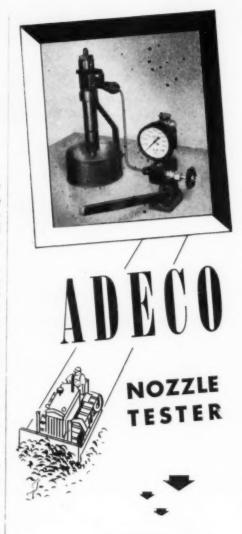
It was necessary at various points to build a large number of retaining walls and sea walls up to a maximum height of 28 ft. The majority of these walls were built of masonry facing filled with concrete and plums. At places, foundations had to be constructed in up to 8 ft. of water and work was made very arduous by rough seas and difficult access.

The nature of the country traversed—rivers, ravines and wadis—necessitated a high proportion of bridges, including five of 100 ft. or more multiple spans. Location and design depended to a great extent on the availability of spans, which all had to be transported long distances and were usually in short supply. The three bridges here described are characteristic of the type of work involved.

#### **Bridge Construction**

Nahr el Kelb bridge consists of one 70ft. through-span and two 100-ft. lattice girder through-spans. A considerable amount of water was encountered, and all available pumps had to be put into use. The northern abutment was founded at 9 ft, below water level, but the southern abutment and piers had to be taken to 24 ft. below water. At about 9 ft. below water level a band of heavy loam was reached, and the additional skin friction stopped the downward movement of the caissons. The cutting edges were cleared of obstructions, the caissons allowed to fill with water and charges of gelignite were ignited and dropped into the caisson well. This produced the desired result and sinking was continued until a safe depth was reached. When the pumps reached their lifting capacity, a diver and grab were utilized for the final lowering. All caissons in this bridge were sealed under water by means of a crane and grab bucket and they were pumped

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dry when the sealing concrete had set. Masonry was used throughout on the superstructure as an outside finish and took the place of formwork for the concrete cores of piers and abutments. The steelwork was erected on falsework.

At the Litani River Bridge (four 40-ft. spans) the water depth was 7 to 12 ft. with a width at water level of 120 ft. at low flow. A trial boring on one bank showed no rock down to 80 ft., the subsoil being alluvial beds of clay, sand and gravel. It was decided to build the bridge on double timber pile bents, using 12x12in. timber. Piles were driven between 50 and 60 ft. below bed level before taking up the necessary set. As the longest timber obtainable was between 30 and 35 ft., splicing was necessary and piles were butt-joined and finished with M.S. plate on all four sides. All joints were either below bed level or above water level where they could be adequately braced. The timber bents were designed so that additional girders were added, one on either side of the main girders, giving the bridge sufficient width to be used as a road bridge

At the Damour River Bridge (four 60-ft. spans) it was noticed that after the next winter's floods much scour had taken place. Steel sheet piling in 20-ft. lengths was, therefore, driven round the two most threatened piers and the intervening space filled with concrete.

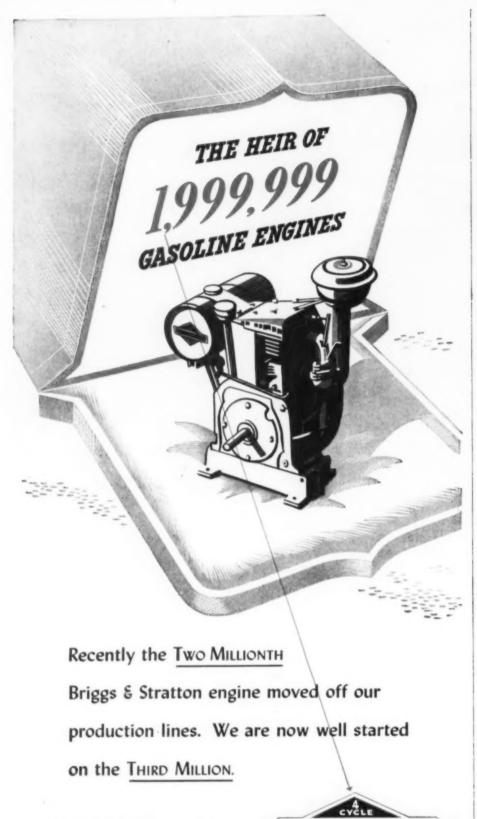
#### Tunnels

The Ras Chekka headland near Tripoli, thrusting out in a sheer promontory dropping 800 ft. into the sea, has throughout history impeded north and south movements along the coast of Syria. This headland had to be pierced by a 4,823-ft. tunnel while in the approach from the south a low ridge was negotiated by a short tunnel of 565 ft.

The northern approach to the main tunnel presented a major task in that the alignment followed the sea line at a height of about 12 ft. and lay immediately below the road, which thus required extensive retaining walls both above and below the rail level. Tunnelling work was carried out from both ends and from two intermediate adits, giving six available faces. The northern end of the tunnel involved slow and laborious mining methods as at this portal entry had to be effected immediately under the main coastal road and through built up ground lying at the base of a 600-ft. cliff. Entry at the north adit was also made through spoil fill by close timber sets until solid was reached. The south adit position allowed of direct entry by ordinary methods and was more straightforward.

One section of the northern tunnel

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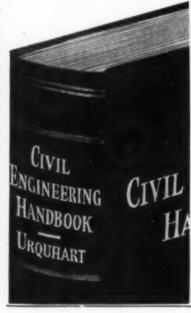
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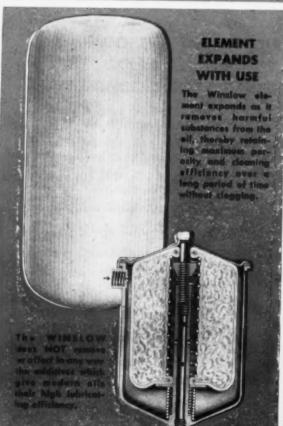
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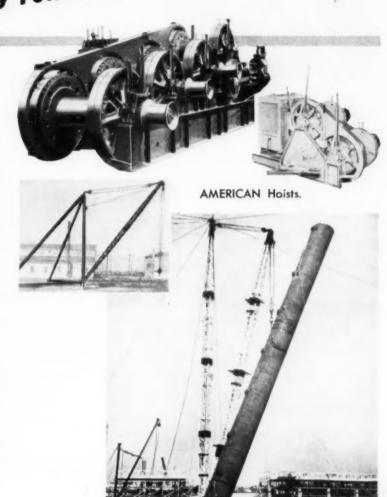
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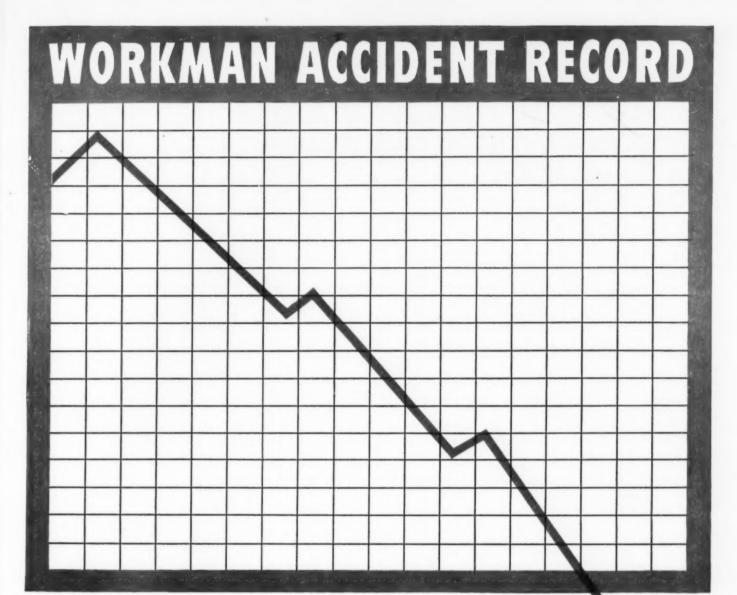




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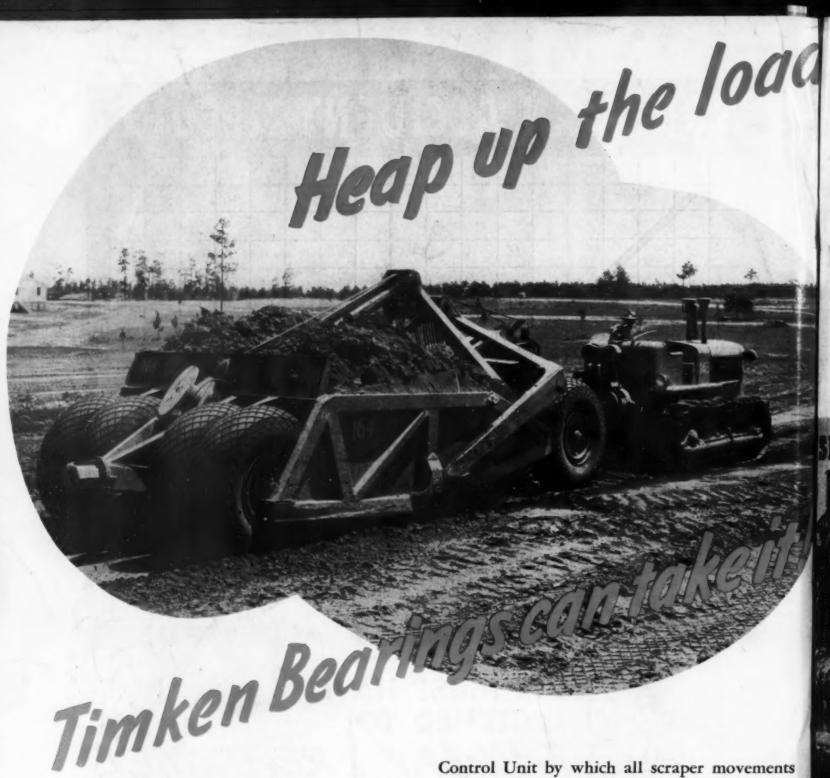
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